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Fort Strother 7th March 1814.

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Dr. Sir

Having served under your Command from the commencement of this campaign as an artificer, viz, a Master Carpenter & which I have done to the best of my Skill & Ability – but at this time my business at home calls aloud for me, therefore (tho reluctantly) I am compelled to offer you this as my Resignation I hope you will grant it

I am Dr Genl with high Consideration

Your Most Obt Servt

Lewis Allen

Master carpenter

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Major Genl. Jackson

Lewis Allens
Resignation.

7th March 1814

to be Recorded

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Resignation.
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Major Genl. A. Jackson

Order to Captain Jas Cowan. Mar. 7th 1814

to be Recorded

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Head quarters Fort Strother
March 7th 1814
Captain James Cowan united States Rangers
Sir On the receipt of this you will forthwith
with your company repair to Fort Deposit, with as much corn as you and
your company can carry - draw eight day rations at
Deposit, and immediately proceed, down the cohoba
untill you arrive due west ~~thereof~~, then Hillabee -
Village, east to the Village - up to Fort Strother, and
then along the road, round by Bob Catala's Town
to Fort Deposit - draw supplies there, for your
Troops, and perform this Tower every ten days
untill otherwise ordered - you are expected to be
prompt in the execution of this order - Col. Richard
Brown will furnish you a pilott - the road must
be kept clear of the enemy -

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Head quarters Fort Strother
March 7th 1814

Captain James Cowan united States Rangers

Sir on the receipt of this you will forthwith with your company repair to Fort Deposit, with as much corn as you and your company can carry — draw eight day rations at Deposit, and immediately proceed, down the Cohaba untill your arrive due west thereof, then Hilla bolakey — Village, east to the Village — up to Fort Strother, and then along the road, round by Bob Cotala's Town to Fort Deposit — draw supplies there, for your Troops, and perform this Tour every ten days untill otherwise ordered — you are expected to be prompt in the execution of this order — Col. Richard Brown will furnish you a pilott — The road must be kept clear of the enemy —

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Order, to Captain Jas Cowen. Mar 7th 1814

to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Strother
March 7th 1814

Leroy May Asst. Topographical Engineer

Sir

your letter of the 6th Instant making a tender of your resignation ~~of the appointment~~ of Assistant Topographical Engineer, has been recd, and on consideration your resignation is hereby accepted of — The District paymaster will therefore settle up your accounts as asst. Topographical engineer, from the Eighteenth day of October 1813 to the 7th day of February 1814, both days inclusive — I am respectfully, your, mo, ob. Servt,

Duplicate

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Leroy May's
resignation
accepted the 7th
of March 1814

Fort Deposit March 7th 1814

Dear Genl

Immediately on the receipt of your Order of the 28th Ultimo, my Orders were issued in compliance there-with, information of which was forwarded to you on the following day. and on this day I arrived here at 12 OClock with the principal part of my Staff. The 2nd Regiment has just crossed the River, the 3rd will reach the North Bank this Evening, the 4th from my latest information (having passed them on Saturday evening last 4 or 5 miles this side of Huntsville) are not more than 4 or 5 miles in the rear of the 3rd. no doubt therefore is entertained but they will all cross the River tomorrow. If I am not delayed in drawing rations here (as I was at Hunts-ville) I flatter myself we shall be ready to take up the line of March on the morning of the 9th. You may rest assured that no exertions on my part shall be wanting, to advance with the least possible delay. Col Brown has passed the river today and is encamped near me, Maj Williamson's Battallion is now on the other Bank & will cross this Evening.

The Waggons for transportation of baggage, and others shall carry on with them as much Provisions as possible — we have at this place a handsome drove of beef cattle —

Your favors by Major Wyatt I have the Honour to acknowledge the receipt of this Instant — the Orders therein contained shall be strictly attended to

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The bearer hereof, I am informed, carries dispatches from Majr Allen of the E. Tennessee troops, to you. his Battalion are dissatisfied, under an impression that they are to be continued here during the present campaign, as Waggon guards, and that they are not to be permitted to participate with the W. T. troops in any active service, - I have been applyed to for an Order for their march with me to Strother, this Order I do not conceive myself authorised to give - but with all due deference I would beg leave to suggest whether the good of the service would not be promoted, by such an Order from you, it would at least have a tendency to prevent the jealousies, that have already, & probably will be excited between the troops.

I have the Honor to be
Yr Excellencies
Most Obt.
Thos Johnson
Brig. Genl
T.M.

Majr General

Andrew Jackson

Head Quarters

Strother

By Express

Genl. Jno. Johnston to

Genl. Jackson. dated

March 7th 1814

Majr. General
Andrew Jackson
Head Quarters
Trothe

By Express

Genl. Jno. Johnston to
Genl. Jackson dated
March 7th 1814

A. Copy

Camp Brown
7th March 1814

Major Thomas C. Clark

Sir,

on the Receipt of this you will prepare to march on the 10th Instant with those under your command, to Fort Strother you are at liberty to chose your rout to that place either by land or water, if you should prefer the former I want you to join me opposite Fort Armstrong on the 10th Inst. It is my intention to Cross the River at Turkey Town. you will therefore send your large Flat to that place for the Reception of the Troops if you have none, fail not to advise me thereof immediately let me know the number of guns repaired since the arrival of the Smiths If they are not all done direct the Smiths to repair those first that require least time, I must have all that we can get – see that no time is lost in repairing them

By Order
C. F. Spoor
aide de Camp

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C. J. Spoor to Major
Thos. C. Clark, dated
March 7th. 1814

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Major Genl. Andrew Jackson Fort Armstrong 8th march 1814

Sir Inclosed you will

Receive a Copy of a letter I Received this inst. from
C.H. Spon aide de camp supposed to be by order
of Genl. Dorothy I find myself rather at a
loss and wish to advise with you relative to the
publick property at this post whither I shall
bring it on in the boats or not and evacuate the post
as there is no other Troops at this place I do
not know what better I can do with the
property as I have not been advised what way
to dispose ~~with~~ of it: I shall wait your advices
as we have several sick and to make some
arrangements ~~to make~~ relative to their
safety With Due Respect I Remain

Sir Yr. Mo. Obt.

Thomas C. Clark Major

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Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother
Ten Islands

per Express

[illegible], to Gen.
Jackson, dated Mar
8th 1814 — Recd. [illegible]

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother
Ten Islands

per Express

Jackson, dated Mar.
8th 1814 — Recd. [illegible]

Confine John Boyd a private of the Comp^y Comm^d by Lt Vail Charge 1st

Absenting himself without leave from the Barrack at New Orleans on the night of the 6 or 7th Inst

Charge 2nd Infamous Conduct,

Specf^n Stealing or taking from a Barge or Boat at the Levee Three Bolts of Sail Duck the property of Mr Means of Cincinnati on or about the 6 or 7th Inst.

New Orleans March 8. 1814

E. C. Gibson Maj
7 Inf.

(Copy)

Witnesses

Mr Means

Corp^l McKinney of Capt Nicholes C^o

& two Citizens who will attend with

Mr Means.

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Charge against
John Boyd
7th Inf[y]

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh
Districts — — } Fort Hawkins 8th March 1814. —

Sir, Your dispatches of the 26th & 28th ulto. are received. — I have a letter from Lt. Col. Russell dated at the Alabama Heights on the 21st ulto. he was building Boats & expected to begin his movement up the River on the 15th of this Month — the Navigation to the Fork would occupy 15 or 16 days & as he has to destroy some hostile Villages on his route, it will probably be from the 1st to the 10th of April before he will reach his destination. — He has with him more than 1000 men of whom about 600 Regulars; he hopes to have about 1500 in all when he sets out. —

Col. Russell on the 4th marched with about 600 men against the Kahaba Villages he reached them after some difficulty and found they had been deserted. — he sent up the river at the same time a detachment of 70 Men under Captn. Dinkins in a boat with provisions, but this boat returned without finding the mouth of the Kahaba after rowing 8 days up the Alabama. — Lt. Wilcox and one private of the 3rd U. S. Infy. who with two other

other men had been sent down the Kahaba from the Villages in a small Canoe, in order to meet and turn back Captn Dinkins, were killed by the Indians — the Lieutenant behaved most gallantly before he fell. — Captain Dinkins arrived within a few minutes after the contest and secured the Bodies. —

You do not state from whom the order to Captain Doherty was received or what is his destination. — We must however avoid detaining any more reinforcements destined for General Flournoy. — You will therefore please to put a Garrison of Militia at Hiwassee and let Captn Doherty proceed according to his orders. — You can doubtless find men enough in your command more suited to Garrison duty than to the active service of the field — a prudent Officer should however be selected for the command. —

— I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant. —

Thomas Pinckney

Majr Genl Jackson —

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Genl. Pinckney to
Genl. Jackson dated
8th. March recd. 14th do 1814

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Genl. Pinckney to
Genl. Jackson
dated 8th March Recd.
14th March 1814

Genl Pinckney to
Genl Jackson dated
8th march recd 14 1814
Recd 9th August 1814

Genl Pinckney to
Genl Jackson
dated 8th march. Recd
14th March 1814

Head quarters Fort Strother
March 9th 1814

Captain Larkin Fussell will on the morning of the 10th instant, proceed with all his company that has served their as a guard to the waggons now at this place to Fort Deposit, he will then march his company to Hunts=ville and have them regularly mustered out of service by the Inspector Genl, Colo. Carroll— or Robert Hays assistant Inspector— you will transfer to Lieut. Dawsons company, ~~any of your~~ for command any of your men who have deserted, and whose times agreeable to the rules ~~and~~ of war have to be made up— you will be entitled to one ration and one days pay for every fifteen miles you may have to travel from the place where you are mustered out of service to your homes—

You having filled the time for which you were mustered into service— you and all your company who has served three months from the date of your being mustered ~~into service~~, are en=titled to, and it becomes my duty to discharge ~~you~~

Being about to retire to your country & homes, brings fresh to my recollection, the services you have, performed, and the ~~cooln~~ deliberate bravery displayed by you and your company in the two differ=ent ~~affairs~~ at Enuckfa, on the 22 day of January last— the promptness with which you obayed my orders, the alacrity with which you advanced ~~charge~~ to the charge on the 22d of January entitle you to an honourable discharge— the thanks of your General— and gratitude of your country— ~~you therefore~~ On the fifteenth instant you will consider yourself discharged from the present tour of duty— and give certificates of honourable discharge to all of your company who have served three months actual service, from the 15th of Decbr, 1813—

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Order to Captain Larkin
Terrill, March 9th 1814

to be recorded

Deposit March 9th 1814.

9. OClock A.M.

Dear Genl.) The excessive rains has caused me to alter my ~~form~~ plan of March from this place to Strother, I have, as I know expedition is all important at this time ~~have~~ * determined to march by regiments, the second will take up the line of March within 2 or 3 hours; the third has not more than half crossed the River at this time, the 4th is there ready to cross, I shall no doubt early tomorrow Morning start the 3rd and the 4th as soon as it crosses & draws the rations necessary. I have this Morning early detailed from those regiments fatague men for the purpose of making the banks good, which is in such a situation as very much retards the passage of the Waggons, it is this that causes us to progress so slow — I detached a party yesterday (being informed of the situation of the road by Col. Hays) to make crossways. I have sent a guard this day to drive the Beef cattle I believe there is about one hundred.

I have the Honor to be
Yr. Excellencys
Obed Servt.

Maj. Genl. A Jackson

Thos. Johnson
Brigr. Genl. T. M.

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Genl. Thos. Johnston to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 9th. 1814

Majr. Genl. Andw. Jackson
Head Quarters
Ft. Strother

Attention
Majr. Reid

Majr. Genl. Andw. Jackson

Head Quarters

Ft. Strother

attention
Majr. Reed

Gen. [illegible] to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 9th 1814

Deposit March 9th 1814.

Brigade Orders

Col. Cheatham commanding the 2nd Regiment will this morning cause a report to be made agreeable to my order of yesterday respecting the measles. He will cause ammunition to be distributed amongst his regi-ment sufficient to do them to Strother at which place they will draw sufficient for the campaign: After this is completed and forage drawn for the horses attached to his regiment he will immediately take up the line of march and progress with all possible speed to Strother, he will keep up regular guards.

The safety of his regiment and baggage is particularly committed to his charge.

P.S. He will keep a sufficient No. of pioneers in advance of the regiment in order to make the road passable for the waggons.

Thos. Johnson
Brig. Genl.

A Copy —

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Head quarters Fort Strother
March the 10th 1814

Genl Thomas Johnston

Sir

I learn with regret, that from sources, with which I am not acquainted, that your head quarters were at Fort Deposit on the morning of the 9th instant,

Provisions, never ought to be eaten in idleness, by soldiers, when active operations are ordered & required

You will my Dr. General recollect, how fast the terms of your men are expiring — and I fervently calculated that you would reach this place, with your Brigade by this day at furthest — when it is recollected the difficulty of obtaining supplies — every industry and exertion ought to be used to make the best

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possible use of them, in pushing the
campaign to a final issue — par=
=ticularly when such exertions are
and have been making by Genl *such traitors to their country as*
Cocke, and others, to destroy the cam=
=paign by sowing the seeds of mutiny
and desertion in the ranks — I have
therefore to require you, sir that you
make every exertion to form a
Junction with me at the shortest
possible day — I shall move the
moment you reach me — I must
turn to account every ration I have —
the final blow must be made by
the men now in the field — you —
must form a Junction with me on
all the 12th instant — I am respect=
fully yr mo. ob. serv

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

D. Gen Wherren

10th March 1874

to be recorded

Fort Strother
Head quarters
March 10th 1814

Colo. P. Perkins

Sir
I have Just recd Genl Coffees
letter in which he names to me your
wishes, to Join me with 300 mounted
men, had I the power, It would give me
pleasure, to give the order - It would afford me
pleasure to have you with me - But the
full quota being in the field orders, the
orders of Genl Pinckney, forbid me - but
a time may shortly arrive when circum
stances, may warrant, and Justify me in
making the call, when I will do it with
pleasure - with my best respects to Mrs
Perkins, believe me to be very respectfully
yr mo. ob. serv.

Andrew Jackson

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Letter to Col.^o^ Perkins
March 10th 1814

to be Recorded

Dear Sir

Huntsville
11th March 1814

as you will see Genl Jackson & the Qr Mr Genl together I beg the favor of You to get the arrangement made for the Qr Mr Genl to ~~settle~~ the transportation of provision from Deposit to the army, it will save a great deal of Confusion in the settlement of accts and it is a Custom for the Qr Masters department to transport Supplies to the Army from the place of Deposit - I will thank You to get Genl. Jackson to give an order for the discharge of Captain Jacob Prewetts Company of mounted men employed from 13th Jany to the 13th Feby 1814 attending packs horses & guarding Provision from Deposit to Fort Strother

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you were present at Huntsville when he was employed, it was Just as you set out before the last expedition & advised the arrangement, Capt Prewett had fifteen men, that is himself 1 first Lieut & 14 privates, I mustered them out on 13th Feby by order of Colo Hayes master Master Genl — I would feel much obliged if this arrangement Could take place before the Genl marches from Fort Strother. wishing you good health, great success & new Laurels added to your former ones & a safe return to your family & friends is the wish of your friend & obt

John Graham

Capt. John Graham
to Genl. Coffee, dated
March 11th 1814 —

Brigadier Genl
John Coffee
Fort Strother
Mr Wyatt Esq [illegible]

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Brigadier Genl
John Coffee
Fort Strother
Mr Wyatt } Coosee

Encl. John Graham
to Genl. Coffee, dated
March 11th 1814 —

Fort Armstrong
March 11th 1814

Genl. Jackson

Sir

I have taken the command of this place Agreeable to Brigl. Dohertys orders the coppy of which I have Enclosed in this letter to you likewise the strength and condition of my company in the usual form of a Morning report„ I am in a poor state of defence in case of any attack by the Enemy Genl. Doherty ordered me to give up my arms to arm those men that was unarmed„ my strength of arms at this time is Nine rifles Majr. C Clark left twentyfive sick men under my care and two attendents and amongst those sick men there is a few guns ~~guns~~ and there is a few out of repair which I will have in good repair as soon as the smiths can do it the hole will amount to twenty rifles & muskets„ there is no provision here at this time more then will do those men that is here a few days I am without flints and lead therefore I wish you to send me a few flints by the first oppertunity

I hold my self in readiness to Obey your orders at all times

I Am sir Your most Ob,t Serv,t

Wm. Hampton Capt.

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1814 Hermitage March 11th 1814

My Dear Husband

your Letters wer handed me by Doctor Butler of the 22nd of Febry agreeable to your request I handed him the Deferent Letters you Honourd me with The perusal of it is very pleasing to me indeede — those wretches that tryed to serene Themselves by trying to injer you and Genl Coffee has been a greate advantage to your Carrecters and has Disgraced themselves Etarnaly Theay ar Dead no theay dont raise their Eyes or heads in the world you justly observe a virtuous man will meet the rewards due to that high merit and Let me assure you no man is or Can be more praised and applauded then you are I took the Liberty of incloseing your Letter of the 28 of Jenuary of the Lat battles at Emuckfaw To Mr G Walker as as I know him to be a particular Friend he has returnd it in one from himself Said Says you and G Coffee are higher in Kentuckey than here

Some writer saide while Genl Harrison was making
his appearence in the drawing room and ball rooms
Genl Jackson was making conquests through marsh
and every disadvantage possible — Jackey Caffery
Esqr when he reaches will hand you this he has just
arived full of patriotism Determined to go on
poor youth how I pitty him no friend to advise him
Nor give him the Least assistence he is a fine youth —
I am almost afraid to name aney Domestic concerns
your Dear Little Andrew is well never did I
see a stroger mark of affection then in that Child your Letter
he claspt it to his bosome and went to bed with it
some time in the Night he called oute where is my papa
Letter I hunted & put it in his hand he then put it in
his bosome — ~~parson~~ Parson Hoge called to see me yestardaye
He told me not to fear the Lord that was powerfll to
save was with you when so good a man sayes those things
It cheres me & may his gardian care and protection forever
surround you be with you in the hour of Dainger oh
oh greate God forever bless you is the prayer of your
Ever faithfull and affectionate wife

Mr A Jackson Rachel Jackson

I thought I was Done but if I had full Confidence
this would reach you in time I Could write a Volum
maney things to saye — Major Buttler is at
Cincinnatie we are in hopes of seeing him his appointment
is Confirmed that of Ajt and in his Last Letter
prospects of promotion higher still —
Col. W Buttler handed them Letters to A P
B Lewis himself safely and this young Soldier
goes to you full of heroism Sister Caffery sends
her Bellsings her prayes for you Cowper sayes the sun
Shine ne in joy is the praises of sutch as her I never knew
as good a woman and one so neglected by her Brothers
well may she pray for you more Consolation then
all her other friends — oh how I do feel on your going
into so much Dainger so often — oh glorious Lord god almig
ty protect you from all Dainger Crown you
with victory returne you once more — adieu
my darling in the hands of the god of all good I Commit
you to his Blessed Care you must be happy forever
I see you will your goodness your virtue all insure it
I have tryed to git Little Lincoai Brot home but theay
are all in too much of a hurry the old jentlemen
has promised me to bring him to me I Expect him
in a Day or two R

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Major Gennel
Andrew Jackson
Headquarters
Fort Manther

Mr
J Caffery

On the road near old Deposit March 11th

An express having this moment reached me from the Majr. General, ordering a detachment of four hundred and fifty men, to guard the waggons, defend Fort Strother and keep open the communications in the rear and push on the transportation of supplies for the army from Fort Strother to the next deposit on Coosa river & also from Fort Deposit to Fort Strother & that this detail should be made by regiment if convenient –

Col. Robert Steel commanding the 4th Regiment will therefore instantly cause to be detailed from his regiment a sufficient number of men in his discretion, to guard the waggons for the transportation of provisions from Deposit to Fort Strother and place them under the command of proper officers and send them back to Fort Deposit to be employed as guards to the waggons – Col. Steel will not loose a minute in proceeding with the rest of his regiment to Fort Strother, in the shortest possible time, in order to take the Command of that Fort in the absence of the Genl. –

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My Brigade is ordered to join the Majr Genl in all the day of the 12th Inst being to morrow. Col. Rt. Steel will see the necessity of forced marches in order to comply with the order — The Majr General having directed me to select an officer, in whose Courage and ability, the utmost confidence can be placed, one who would have his orders promptly obeyed at all hazards; The Brigad in General flatters himself, that in ordering Col. Steel on that duty, the Col. will realise every just expectation from his diligence & courage

Thos Johnson
Brig. Genl T. M.

Col. Robt Steel.

A Copy

Gen.l Thos Johnston to
Gen.l Jackson, dated
March 11th 1814

Brigade Orders
of
Col.o Steel
4th Regiment
Copy

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh Districts } Fort Hawkins 11th March 1814. —

Sir, Your Letters of the 2d and 4th of March are before me: I am glad to find that your prospect of supplies of bread stuff is favorable, and I trust you will soon be able to collect a sufficient quantity of meat to attend your progress on the hoof. The Depôt you will establish below the three Islands on the Coosa will be a great step to the favorable termination of the Campaign. — we find difficulties with respect to meat in this quarter, but I hope in the course of 8 or 10 days to be able to give you information that we shall have flour enough at Fort Hull to furnish a small supply to your Army, when you come down, and exertions are making to throw in a quantity of bacon and procure fat Cattle from the Indians to the South of this where the winter range is good. — As soon as I shall receive an authentic return from the Deputy Quarter Master General of the United States who is going to our advanced Post for

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for the purpose I will communicate it to you —

I much regret the embarrassments with which you have to contend from the misconduct of Men who to gratify personal envy or resentment, or to obtain transient popularity would sacrifice the best interests of their Country: the directions you have given to Brigadier General Doherty to crush at once every act of mutiny and sedition among the Troops under his command are correct: the laws are sufficiently strong for this purpose if administered with decision and firmness. — I would however advise you not to give your personal Enemies advantage over you by measures, in which it is not well ascertained, that the law will support you: and as I presume that General Doherty is still within the State of Tennessee it would be safest and nearly as effectual, either to drum out of Camp with ignominy, individual Citizens not of the Army engaged in the practice you describe, or to deliver them over to the civil Magistrate with an accusation on Oath of the offences they have committed; all of which I presume

would

would be punishable as misdemeanors: and the act of persuading Soldiers to desert, is made particularly penal by the 19th Section of the act of 1802 fixing the military establishment of the United States.—

If individuals follow the Army into the Enemy's Country where the civil process of the Courts cannot extend, they can only there be restrained from their misdeeds by the military power to which they would in that case render themselves liable.— The Jealousy which prevails in our Country against all military Authority is the foundation of the above advice; for I would no more give my civil opponent a legal advantage over me, than I would willingly suffer an enemy in the field to throw himself on my flank.

Be assured, Sir, that in both lines you have my best wishes for your successfully terminating the difficulties opposed to your progress.—

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.—
Thomas Pinckney
M. G. U. S. A

Majr Genl Jackson.—

could be justifiable, a misdemeanor; and the act

of countenancing Soldiers to desert a much greater [illegible]

[illegible] to the 19th Section of the act of 1802 fixing the

Military establishment of the United States. —

The misconduct of [illegible] the [illegible] and the [illegible]

[illegible] that the [illegible] of that [illegible]

[illegible] they can only there be ascertained [illegible] the

[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] which they [illegible]

[illegible] can order them to be tried — the [illegible]

[illegible] in our Country against [illegible]

[illegible] the foundation of the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] as soon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] in the field [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] the

[illegible] afforded to your Country. —

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Thomas Pinckney

M. G. U. S.

Maj. Genl. Jackson. —

Genl. Pinckney to Genl. Jackson dated 11th March 1814

Received 22d March 1814

March 14, 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Sir when I wrote you from Camp Ross last
I mentiond to you the Shamefull desertion that
had taken place a mong the Milicia that had been
Stationed there and that reports ware in cerculation which
I could not believe unfavourable to Genl Cocke the next
account I heard of the Genl was that he had when alone
taken up two deserters which he Sent ~~them~~ back to the Camp
in a bote from Kingston this I suppose the tories will
Say was a Conspiracy against the United States =
what is it that they have not said of you & of me Sir
I suppose if you Should gain Six or Eight more
Battles over the hostile Creeks they will Consider you
a most barbarous man an enemy to their light
Sovereign and no freind to your Country these are
things we have to put up with the best way we Can
& I confess to you that it gives me no Small pleasure
when I reflect how deservedly I have lost their good
wishes Genl Cocke feels indignant at the Slander
that has been levied against him and is ready at all
times to Confute & punish the infamous Slanderers
~~[illegible]~~ I inform you with pleasure that more than
fifty boats has decended the River with Supplies for
the army under your command in the Course of two
weeks past it is to be regreted that few if any
Waggons Can be got here to transport those provision
to you I have written to Mr Merrideth of Roan
County & Mr Rawlings of Rhea County requesting

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theer Best assistance Mr Joseph Donelson
at Emmery Capt Thompson and Many other
freends will try theer best but from the busy
Season of the year we all dispair of Success
you I know will be under the necessaty of
Escorting by pack horses I shall still go on
[struck: Hastily] the best I can but Candor as well
as duty requere me to State to you that
unless others have been more Successfull than
I have been the means of removing froward the pro
vesions to you in time must fall far Short
of what the army will Stand in need off I am
Very Respectfuley your Mobdt Servt

P S I hear with pleasure Wm Cocke
that the deserters are mostly
taken up Imprisoned or Sent
back to you & that the good Citezens of
East Tennessee are on the allert to
apprehend the rest and I feel a pride & pleasure
in knowing that ther is not a single man deserted
from the County Genl Cocke & my self live in & this
County will further Shew theer zeal by Sending on a Volinteer
Company of horse who will march in a few days Wm Cocke

Beans Station Ten. }
March 13 } Postage pd. by B. Cox 20

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

To be Sent on by the Post Master

at Hunts Ville

Mississippi Territory

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Fort deposit 12th. March 1814

Genl. Jackson

I come to this place last evening, have been detained by high waters, I learn from Col Robt. Hays who I meet here, that your great anxiety is still for want of provisions,— The object of this is to report to you, the state of supplies here on hand, and when compared with those you have in possession, will give you the precise amount,— and further to ask your advice on the subject of taking for the use of the army a quantity of flour that has been detained by Major Bradley in boats—

On hand here in possession of the contractors agent, five hundred & sixty four barrels of flour— and eighty —— barrels kiln dried meal— making in the whole here Six hundred & forty four barls.— detained here in boats untill your orders are received four hundred and fifty nine barrels of flour,— in addition to the above When in Huntsville I conversed with the contractors, they said they had on hand more provision than you had required of them, and that they wished

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to have the benefit of making their own contract thinking they could ~~make~~ contract to better advantage than the public agents, they asked me to say to you, that they wished this previledge, saying that they would furnish your requisitions as fast as they were made,— when I come here I found that Major Bradley had stoped the flour, and recommended to him to detain it untill your orders could be had thereon and for that purpose he sends this express— the owner sends an agent also, to the end if you take the flour to get drafts, or at least to make the necessary arrangements therefor— I have not understood if the East Tennessee Contractor has furnished the proportion of bread stuff, required of him by Genl. Pinckney, if not perhaps this flour will answer in that place—

There was last night, in the pen here 152 steers— by some person in the night they were scared and broke out, this morning about half has been found and probably the greater part will be found in the course of the day— there is also at Thompsons between 60 and Seventy steers, that have been driven from the lower part of the Cherokee nation, both of these droves will be sent on tomorrow morning

Col Dyer left here yesterday morning, he says to me in Alim with about 700 men, Capt. Gordan is encamped on this side Tennessee near Dittoes landing; and reported himself that he would wait there for your further orders, I wrote him two days since advising him either to go on directly to you, or move here to this place to day, when your orders can be more readily recd.—

I shall move on from this place to head quarters this evening—

with esteem & regard
I am Sr, your obt. Servt.
Jno. Coffee

Major Genl. A Jackson

Head quarters
Fort Strother

By Express

Genl Jackson, dated
March 13th 1814
Recd 13th mar

Major Genl. A Jackson

Head quarters
Fort Strother

By Express

...Jackson, date
March 12th 1814

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Head quarters Fort Strother
March 12th 1814

My Dear

This will be handed you by Jonny, who has been very sick a long time recovered, took a relapse, and is so far recovered, that I hope he will be able to reach home I send a little Indian boy, named Charley, given me by a friendly chief of the creeks — and the one I named to you I intended to give to Andrew Jackson Donelson — you will treat him as he has been treated here untill I return — I have had a severe attack of the Bowell complaint originating from cold — from which I am not alltogether relieved — but I hope in a few days. I shall be well — I have the promise of Colo. J. D. Hays, to send me his boy from Huntsville if he does you will have to give him Squire untill I return — I hope in a few days to be in motion — The unexpected, respect of Genl John Cocke to the [illegible] Brigade — his unaccountable Rascally [illegible]ous conduct has, delayed [illegible] — and the mutiny that [illegible] one hundred and [illegible] he excited [illegible] three men — [illegible] demanded his arrest, and an ex=planary punishment awaits him — notwithstan=ding all the exertions that has been made to defeat the campaign — with the permission of heaven I will put an end to it in a few days — May the choicest blessings of heaven wait upon in my absence adieu —

Andrew Jackson

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Mrs. Rachel Jackson
Hermitage
pr Come } near Nashville

Nashville March 13th 1814

Dear Sir

I have been for some weeks past at home too unwell to attend to business, during which time, I had the honor and pleasure to receive a copy from you of your report to Major Genl. Pinckney of the 28th with yours of the 29th Jany, detailing an account of the ~~several engagements~~ you had with the Creek Indians at Emuckfa and Enotochopko — the gallant conduct of yourself and the brave men then with you entitle you and them to the highest meed of applause, and I have great pleasure in tendering to you and thro' you to them the thanks of the Executive of Tennessee for your brilliant victories on those occasions, which would before this have been communicated to you had I not been too unwell to attend to business — our loss in killed is regretted; but they the dead rest on the bed of honor, and the wounded have suffered in an honorable defence of their Country's rights — yours of the 31st Jany has been recd. & your request attended to — yours of the 8th Feby. is also to hand, which is the last recd. from you —

I inclose to you copies of several letters from the Secy War to me, dated Jany 3d (a copy of which was sent to you before), Jany 11th, Jany 31st & Feby 8th 1814 — I am not a military man as you know, and as I ask no questions but with good intention, I know you will pardon me if I should not ask proper ones — would it not be proper in you to order a discharge of the several Corps of Volunteers & Militia by the proper officers, who are alluded to in the Secy Wars' letter to me of the 3d Jany? — that is a subject

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which should be attended to without delay as the Pay Master here informs me that he has recd. instructions to pay the Troops who are alluded to in that letter — and would it not be advisable for you to direct the proper officers to make out and return to the Pay Master the necessary rolls to enable him to make the payments as he has no rolls in his office?

You will notice the respectful deference paid by the President to that part of our Militia law which says that three months service shall be considered a tour of duty — As the Campaign began with a three months tour of duty to change it might produce confusion in all probability: that was a reason with me in calling out the last detachment from the 2d. Division for three months: and when I wrote to Genl. Cocke requesting him to have his quota in the field without delay I did not know what term of service he had mentioned in his orders, but as first to ascertain it would produce delay, I wrote him that relying on his correctness I did without knowing the orders he had issued approve of his proceedings and hoped that his quota would soon join you — since that I recd. a copy of his order which was on the way to him when I wrote him as above stated — hence a portion of the present detachment is in service for three months, and another portion for six months — I should like to know, thro' you from Genl. Pinckney with whom you can oftener communicate than I can, in due time, the number and kind of Troops he may require in future, and for what term of service; prefering for the reasons abovementioned that the requisitions should be for three months tour — I am your friend

Willie Blount

Major Genl. Jackson
U. S. Service Creek Nation

His Excy. Gov. Blount
to Genl. Jackson, dated
March 13th. 1814

Public Service

Major Genl. Jackson
U.S. Service
Creek Nation

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Major Genl. Jackson
U. S. Service
Creek Nation

Express

His Excy. Gov. Blount
to Genl. Jackson. dated
March 13th 1814

March 13th 1814

Majr Bradley and believe you to be a gen-
-tleman but your request of Me is hard
my men ware drinking I confess, some
bad but after they ware put in the
boat they ware not treated with it any
a Drinking frolick as for to wait here
for a trial I cant do it as I am ordered
on by General Jackson with all Speed
Majr you are a Man Experiance and you
know when liquor is in wit is out try to
look over it

William Russell

Capt Russell Refuses to give up the
man called for in point word I hope you
will make him account for his refusal

John Bradley commandant
at Fort Deposit

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fort [illegible] march 18th 1818

capt William Russell you will send me to this post Mr [illegible] under guard so as he can be made accountable for his conduct on the twelth of this instant for riot ing also for strikeing and kick ing my self when in the exercise of my duty this order you are to put into execution im mediately I shall ~~[illegible]~~ look for my demands without hesitation

John Bradley
Commandant

fort deposit march 13th 1814
Major General Jackson sir on the twelth of this instant capt William Russell cameon to this post with his company capt Russell made a Re Quisition for forage Mr sanders being forage master went on boat that was loaded with corn belonging to mr Mitchel and began to issue corn capt Russell men began to crowde and tramp at mr sanders called for a guard to keep them back so soon as the guard took their stand and charged bayonets capt Russell men being very strong immediately layd hold of the guards arms and took them a way from them and drew many knives and durks and pistols and drove the guard from their post in the mean time I heard the mob I Ran to that place I commanded capt Russell to command his men and to Quit the mob he answered me he could not nor Never tried in my presence at the last stage of the bu sness he said thus now boys if you dont Quit I shall be mad with you their was a soldier in his company by the name of fanner at my arrival immediately layed hold of me by the neck and struck me three times with many others kicking and strikeing after I thought I had the thing nearly settled sd fanner saw me he rushed on me the second time

and laying thold as usial and kiked me
very hard and said you are the damed
old rastral that I will whip I told
him that I command this post and
to go a bout this business — these things
was done in the presence of John McQueen
Jessy bean and Joel Bean —
sir I am yours with every centiment
of Respect
John Bradley
Commandant

Majr Jno Bradley
Complaint agst
Wm Russell Compy
March 13th 1814

and laughd at me as usual and kicked me
very hard and said you are the damed
old rascal that I will whip I told
him that I com mand at this post and
beg o of about this business — these things
was done in the presence of John McDuen
Jessy bean and Joel Bean ——

Sir I am yours with every centiment
of Respect

John Bradley
Commandent

Major Jno Bradley
Complaint agt.
Mr Russells Compy
March 13th 1814

Nashville
13th March 1814

Sir,

On the 20th of April next ensuing I shall have funds in my hands, for the payment of the Troops, that have served under your command against the Hostile Creeks — In a word I shall have money to pay the Militia from the State of Tennessee who may have been in the Service of the United States —

It becomes my duty therefore, to request that you will cause to be deposited in this Office complete duplicate Muster Rolls of the whole Army according to the prescribed Rules — to the end that the necessary pay, and receipt rolls may be, by me made out, and the individual claimants receive their just dues: —

I beg leave to solicit, that you enjoin upon the Captains or other Officers who command companies also the Inspector, that they pay the utmost attention, and have the Rolls correct, as errors will procrastinate payments, and that will be disagreeable.

I herewith enclose forms for the different Muster Rolls, which if deviated from cannot be received — I am anxious for this payment to be made as soon as practicable, the foundation of which rests upon the Muster Rolls — I must again request that there be great and uncommon care in framing them — the payments will commence with the Troops first in Service — Commissioned Officers cannot receive individual 429

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Settlements previous to the time that the Muster Roll upon which their Name & Rank is set forth is handed the D. P. master.

Your friendly and much esteemed letter of the 15th Ulto. is now before me. I regret that Doctr Shelby did not give me a call; the Gentleman that handed me your letter, wanted me to send the money by him; this I declined, he promised to call and take a letter from me to the Doctor, this he failed to do. I am sorry that the Doctor has not been accommodated.

Please accept Sir, assurances of my personal Regard and high consideration With which I have the honor to be

Respectfully Yr. Mo. Obt Servt

Alpheus Kingsley
Capt & D. P. master

Major General
Andrew Jackson

N. B. In case of Mounted Infantry or Riflemen – the Caption of the Muster Roll, as well as the Inspectors certificate should express the same –

all casualties must be noticed in the column of Remarks –

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From Capt. A. Kingsley
13th March 1814

Public Service

Alpha Kingsley Capt.
& D. P. master

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Huntsville Mch 13: 1814

Dr Sir

I received yours by express - In Answer, I inclose you the order of Genl. Coffee -- The appointment also of Dr Shelby approved by yourself to bear date from the day which, the Dr and myself conversed on the subject which was, the day that the two Redgts. moved from Campbaun The time before that, I did not conceive would be covered by that appointment. - I have written to you on the subject twice before, and conversed with Genl. Coffee, - on the subject several times -. I have no difficulty in arranging the business of the Hospital since the time, of its being organized as a public hospital, but it will be recollected that, for some months, I had a great number of the sick the lit which I, will exhibit on my own hands, which I had to feed - nurse & clothe with such as their situation required, and they scattered through out the neighborhood wherever they could be sheltered some of which died others recovered - and I have been held responsible & in many cases have paid the persons for keeping them. - I have furnished house room and fed from my own private funds all the sick previous to the Battle of Taledega; and then the hospital, was not furnished, except with a few articles of solid diet, except a few lbs of 1496 sugar & Coffee but by my purchases. - I have made it a point to not let the sick suffer in any case

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when it could be avoided, - But it is not I presume
expected by yourself, or the government, that these things
should be done for nothing -, And it is also true that I have
furnished all my own medicines stores dressings &c. &c.
Another thing I will suggest. - there were a great number of
the sick taken ~~and placed at~~ that were unable to be moved
6. - 8 - 10 - and some few. 15 miles from town, I have uniformly
attended to them, visited them frequently to the exclusion of
~~those of~~ my best friends & those with whom I have been family
physician. - I do not suppose, I was compelled to do this as
hospital Surgeons mate of and it is certain that the number
~~and time~~ of my patients have been great and they have
remained a long time - as they generally traveled to this
place if able to get here or able to be brought -. Those
who have died, have been decently buried, - and in all
things I have as far as in my power acted correctly to
-wards the public as well as myself. I can only say that
If I get nothing for it. I shall have lost more
money by the sick than I shall make for a year
or two to come. - I have acted under the appointment
of Dr Shelby & approved by yourself from the time it bore
date, but before that time. I have still a hope that
it will be settled; Genl. Coffee can give you all the
information on this subject necessary - to be communicated
- I hope there will be no difficulty in settling those
accts - so far as this I can say. I have a willingness
to act, according to the terms & tenor of the order or
appointment of Dr Shelby. and for that which was done

before that time may remain open for settlement hereafter on fair & reasonable terms. — as to any accts since the Appointment I have exhibitted none. — Nor have I exhibitted any but, those drawn by the Brigade Qr. Master of Gen Coffees Brigade by his order which Majr. Rose has with his letter of advice to Maj. Wm B Lewis — Majr. Rose can give you all the information on this subject also. —

I was compelled to get some of that business settled to meet the expence I had been at as I had borrowed the money. — I hope I shall hear from you on the Rect of this — I have about 20 now under my charge at this place all except one or two mending — I am with great respect your Obt

Humble Servt

David Moore

PS — The accts exhibitted are all relative to the orders of Genl. Coffee not one of any other Brigade has ever been touched. — D M. —

Majr. Genl.

Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

By Col. Carrol

Govr. David [illegible] to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 13th 1814

Majr. Genl.

Andrew Jackson

By Col. Carrol } Fort Strother

Docr. David Moore to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 13th 1814

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh } Fort Hawkins 13th March 1814. —
Districts —

Sir, I was prepared to send off the Express with the Letter herewith, when I had the honor of receiving your dispatch of the 6th Current: as you have therein furnished proof of the Misconduct of General Cocke I have no hesitation in instructing you to have the Law put in execution against him: — You will there=fore please to have the affidavits of the witnesses taken and forwarded to the District Attorney of the United States in Tennessee, desiring him to take measures for bringing the Offender to Justice, in order to pre=vent in future practices so detrimental to the Service of the United States. — The 17th Section of the act of Congress of 11th January 1812 intitled an Act to raise ~~an~~ additional Military force, punishes the offence of enticing Soldiers in the Service of the United States to desert, by fine not exceeding $300. and imprisonment not more than twelve months, but

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but it may be submitted to the District Attorney how far the conduct of General Cocke may warrant his apprehension, for an offence of a more serious nature. – How far the General may under present circumstances be within the reach of a General Court Martial for Offences committed while in the Service of the United States, shall be submitted for the opinion of the Judge Advocate of the 6th District.

I am much obliged to you for the Map of the Country of the Coosa & Tallipoosa made by Major Strother – I wish he had been able to have located thereon the three Islands of Coosa or the Cedar Creek. –

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Sir
your most Obedient Servant –
Thomas Pinckney

Major Genl. Jackson. –

Genl. Pinckney to Genl
Jackson. dated 19th. March
1814. Received 22d. March
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Camp Houston
March 13th 1814.

Sir,

Compton is now here there are strong reasons to believe he caused the waggoner who started on with Capt Douglass to desert. What order shall I take on him

Respy Yrs
John Williams
Col 39th Infy

Genl Jackson

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From Col. Williams
13th March 1814

Genl. Jackson
Present

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From Col. Williams
13th March 1814

Genl. Jackson
Present

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13 92
104 4
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Fort Strother 14th March 1814

To the Commanding Janrel at this place

Dear Sir I being the oldest Captain In the 28th Regt of Tenesee I Was ordered to Randvous at Camp Blunt on the 28th January to take the Comman of the troopes Raised from that Regement Wich I Did and made a Return to the Col of the 28th Regt of the number of Delinquents nineteen in number Wich I am informed have since our march from that place Com on and Ware atached the 4th Regt under a Juner Captain from the 28th Regement Who Subtituted himself and the men Elected him as thar Capt to Bring them to head quarters my Compeney not being full I have made apleation for them but Was Denied there fore I trust that the Janrel Will order the number of men from Capt Nail Co the purson aluded to to be atachd to my Compeney

I am your most obedent Subject

His Excelency
Janrel Jackson

John Byler
Capt 3d Regt T M

I Believe the above to be a correct Statement

S Copeland
Col 3d Regt
T M

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John Bilw.^c complaint
to Genl Jackson, dated
14th March 1814

Maj. Genl A. Jackson
Head Quarters

Rutledge 16th March 1814

Sir, I have the Pleasure to inform you
that the prospect for Bread Stuff hear is
Good & that the next fresh in the River will bring
you bountyfull Supplies I have been so much
disappointed in procureing waggons & teams and
see so evidently the necessaty of enlargeing
the means of conveying the provisions to you
that unless I am assured in a few days that
others have been more Successfull in hireing
waggons than I have been recourse must
be had to pack horses it is believed that
a fine Company of horse men will start
from Grangers to Join you in a few days
I have been trying to Electrify them two
days & I think they will Join you in time
Enough to Give the enemy a Shock

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Accept assurances of the high esteem
with which I have the honor to be
your friend & Mobdt Servt

Wm Coethe

from
Wm Cocke
14th March 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Hond by Mr Joseph M Anderson

(Copy.)

New-Orleans.
14th. March 1814.

Sir,

On the receipt of yours of the 6th. Feby I ordered one thousand pounds powder, & two thousand lbs lead to be sent to Mobile for your use - which I informed you of by mine to you of the 5th. March wherein I mentioned my inability to provide you arms also. Since writing that letter, I have rec'd one from the Secretary of War (a Copy of which is enclosed) by which you will perceive that guns are ordered to be sent to Natchez for the use of the friendly indians. So soon as they arrive, Major Arbuckle will be instructed to let you have as many as may be absolutely necessary to arm those Indians that may actually take the field against our enemies. In the mean time you can apply to Major

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Arbuckle for some of the guns that were ordered to be furnished Gov. Holmes upon his requisition, and which I have directed to be called in for this object.

Wishing you success in your enterprise, & individual happiness

I am Sir Yr. Ob. Servt.

(signed) Thos. Flournoy

Brig. Genl. Comg.

7th. Mil. Dist.

Col. McKee.

Copy Letter from Genl.
Flournoy to Col. Mc
Kee dated 14th. March
1814.

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Head quarters Fort Strother March 14th. 1814.

Major John Bradley.

Sir. I am informed by Genl Coffee by a letter from y– dated 12th instant [that] you have lately ~~suspended~~ detained ~~[illegible]~~ in boats at that place ~~[illegible]~~ four hundred & fifty nine barrels of flour, under the expectation that it would be wanting for the use of my army. Genl Coffee in the same letter ~~giving an a[illegible]~~ states ~~[illegible]~~ that there were besides the flour thus detained, at deposit five hundred & sixty four barrels of flour and Eighty barrels of Kiln dried meal, this quantity with what we have on hand here, & what will be sent from Ross's by Fort Armstrong to this place, and what the contractors will be enabled to procure & send on, will be sufficient to supply the troops now in the field; you will therefore release the flour you have thus detained —

Major John Smith who was sent on by me to buy Bacon on the Frontiers of Georgia, ~~[illegible]~~ has returned & reports that he has purchased Sixty thousand weight [illegible] to be delivered at deposit in all this month, a copy of his contracts I inclose you, you will inspect and receive it according to the stipulations contained in the contracts, ~~and [illegible] bills on the Secretary of War on your receipts being presented to me~~ & receipt for it stating particularly the quantity of each kind recd. & I will draw bills on the Secretary

of the War department on the production of your receipts — as you recieve this bacon and pork you are to push it on to this place with the least possible delay

I am Sir
Your obt Servt
Andrew Jackson
Major General

Letter to Majr
Jno Bradley
Dated 16th March
1814 ×

Taken Recd

place with the least possible delay

I am Sir
your obt Servt
Andrew Jackson
Major General

Letter to Mayor
Mr Bradley
Dated 16th March
1814 ×

[illegible]

Head quarters Fort Strother

March 16th 1814

Brigadier Genl Johnston will forthwith order his ~~Brigade of~~ Brigade quartermaster to have his Brig ~~to his Brigade~~, furnished with ~~a sufficient supply of ammunition~~ twenty four rounds of ammunition, for each man ~~for the loss of~~ of which each Captain will be held responsible agreable to the rules and articles of war. He will also draw seven days provision of bread-stuff for his Brigade and two days, of meat rations commencing on the the 15th ~~and ending~~ and ending on the 21st Instant, both days inclu-sive — he will further order his Brigade to be encamped on the south side of ~~the Coosey~~ on such site as his Brigade quartermaster will below the mouth of the Tohshachey creek, st- it is expected by the commanding general that this encampment will be formed ~~here~~ this day & the troops encamped on it to night — The quarter master general ~~will~~ or his assistants will furnish the transportation across the river for the troops & Baggage

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

Order to Genl
Johnson. 16th March
1814 to be recorded

Ft Strother. 14th March 1814

John A Cheatham is appointed assistant topographical Engineer (in the place of Leroy May resigned) in the division under the command of Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson, in the expedition against the hostile Creeks.

By order of the Commanding Genl.

John Reid

Aide-de-Camp.

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Appointment
of John A. Cheatham
A. T. Engineer
March 14th. 1814

to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Strother
March 14th 1814

Genl order

The Col. of the 39th Regt. of U. States infantry will forthwith direct his quartermaster, to have each man of his Regt furnished with 24 rounds of fixed ammunition for which each Captain will be held responsible agreable to the rules and articles of war

He will forthwith, prepare the Boats, have them loaded with the provisions and quarter Masters stores, ready to descend the river ~~to~~ the point where the next post will be Established— So soon as the Boats ~~are~~ have recd. their loading, he will with his Regt. take charge of them, and ~~move~~ remain in readiness to move down the river at a moments warning when ordered— In descending the river great care must be taken to prevent being surprised by the enemy— you will landing every evening on the East Shore— explore and reconnoiter the country round, and encamp your men in the best possible position to protect the supplies, keeping allways two centinels awake in each Boat— From your known experience and vigilance, it is only necessary to observe, that the destruction of our supplies would be a total defeat to our army— they must be protected at every hazard— you will be furnished with an Indian Pilot. near to the mouth of cedar creek, (the site intended) there is a shoal It may be well here to remark, that safety may suggest the propriety to hug the east shore that if any of the Boats should stick on the shoals the provision may be saved— this shoal is about 2 miles above the Deposit.

Andrew Jackson

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Order to Colo.
Williams
14th March 1814.
Colo. [illegible]

Fort Strother March 14th. 1814.

Order. It appearing to the commanding Genl. that Capt Parrish of the artillery in selecting the number of artillerist has been compelled to take from Capt Cruels company of the 2nd Regmt. in Genl Johnsons Brigade Eleven men, Genl. Johnson will forthwith transfer from the largest companies that have not furnished any artillerist nine men to Capt Cruel. These men taken from Capt Cruel being picked men of good character and demeanor the Genl of brigade will order that in the execution of this order. that good orderly men well armed, be transfered

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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Order to Genl
Johnson
14th March 1814
to be Recorded

Head Quarters Fort Strother
March 14th 1814

The adjutant General will have taken & securely confined under guard
Hannen of Capt Russels Spies
untill he can be tried by a Court martial for mutiny, mutinous conduct & striking his Superior officer

By Command
Robt Searcy aid de camp

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Order 14th
March 1814
to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Strother
March 14th 1814

The adjutant General Will have taken & securely confined under guard Warren of Captain Russels Spies. until he can be tried, by a Court martial for mutiny, mutinous conduct & striking his superior officer

By Command
Robt Searcy
aid de camp

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Gen Order of
the 14th March
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Head Quarters Fort Stanton
March 14th 1814

It having been made known known to the Commanding General that David Robertson a private in Captain McMurrys company of Militia died on this morning, and it being due to every officer and Soldier who dies in the Service of his Country to be buried with the honors of war, It is therefore ordered that he be buried at two oclock this evening with the honors of war, and that the adjutant of the first Regiment of Militia detail a Sargeant & twelve men to perform the honors, and the Quarter master Genl. will make the necessary arrangements for his interment

By Command
Robt. Searcy aid de camp
to the Commanding General

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Order
14th March 1814.
to be recorded

Fourt Strother March 14th 1814

To the Commanding General at this place

Dear Sir I being the oldest of the plattoon officers in the seventeenth Regt of Tennessee I was ordered to rendezvous at Camp Blount on the 28th of January 1814 to take the Command of half the troops rais'd from that Regt & Capt Provine the other half which we did & made a return of the delingents to the Brigadier Genl & directly after our march from sd Camp the delinquents arived & reported themselves to Col Steel who was left there to have them mustered into service then & there a certain Captain by the name of Hail in the twentyeighth Regement who substetuted himself in a privates place offer'd them his service to command them to Camp Johnston near Huntsville & was chosen by a few of them for sd purpose, but when they arived at camp Johnston they thought sd Capt had no more command over them & wish'd to be attach'd to their respective companies & they would not be permitted so to do their respective officers have strove to get their wrongs redress'd but none would be granted & sd Hail hold's them yet in command whereby our companies are redu'd to an unconstitutional number contrary to the wishes of the men & their respective Officers therefore as it is the wish of the men that we should petition to you for them haveing the greatest confidence in you as our

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General we humbly trust that you will orde
Sd Captain to let the men be attach'd to their
respective companies & must[?] obliege your humble
petitioners &c

Geo. W. Still Capt 5th C
W. T. M

To his excellency
Major Genl A. Jackson

Capt George W. Still
to Genl Jackson dated
March 14th 1814

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Capt. George W. Still
to Genl Jackson date
March 14th 1814

Our Camp on the Black Warrior
- 15 March 1814

Major General Jackson Sir

we are this far on our march
we will march by the way of
Cantalys town and on to the 10 Island
which place I expect we will
reach on the 18 there is some few
Indians Lurking through these
woods - My Impression is that there
is Town on the Cachalee in the
naburhood of the Viliges - down
the Black Warrior a Large
number - this opinion I form from
Conversin with Dick Brown

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& the Cherokee - Any Journey ...
thi it would be Right to Scour
the Country down the Coosy Some
Distance from the River on the
small creeks to a line opposite the
Cooca old Towns thence across to
the Cahaba and Village from thence
to the Black Warrior and down
to [illegible] Sitas Landing this would prevent
any party from Coming in to Enter
upon the Road and in this Rout
there Towns could be burnt and
their Stock either braught off or
Distroyed - and those Indians that
is in that Country Distroyed -

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as thay would be taken by Suprise
for thay will be Watching the Movements
of the Army - and not expect - any
force to be Sent through there Country
this Rout I think Could be performed
in Safty with 300 Mounted Gun men -
- this Rout is varey Sever on our
Horses - it is the Bettest Country I ever
saw - I take the Liberty to Introduce
- your acquaintance Colo Cox to
whome I refer you for pratickelars
I Am With Due Respect and
Esteame yours &c

John Brown Col
Comanding a Regmt of
East Ten Mtd Gun
Men

Col. John Brown to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 15th. 1814

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Commanding at
Fort Strother

pr
Capt Cook

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Comanding at
Fort Strawther

By
Capt Cox

Col. Jam: Brown to
Genl Jackson, dated
March 15th 1814

Huntsville 15th. March 1814

Dear Genl.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 8th. Inst.; in which you have been pleased to inform me that the Hospital & sick & wounded of the army at this place are entrusted to my care —

I have not been able to ascertain whether there is any public Medicine on hand belonging to this Hospital; a note which I addressed yesterday to Doctr. Moore on this subject remains yet unanswered, in consequence of which I shall be under the necessity of furnishing myself with such articles as may be requisite untill I can be supplied by the Quarter master Genl.

I wish to be informed under what circumstances it will be proper for me to discharge or furlough such under my care as are unfit for service

I am D. Sir Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Thomas Fearn
Hospl. Surgn. Mate

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson

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March 18th —

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Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
M. T. —

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Huntsville M. T.
March 18th —

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Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
M. T. —

From
Col. [illegible]
15 March 1814

Head quarters Fort Strother
March 15th 1814

It having been made known to the Command-
-ing General that Andrew Edwards a private
in Lieut Barrets company of volunteer
militia died yesterday - and it being due
to every officer and soldier who deceases the
service of his country to be buried with
the honors of war It is therefore ordered that
he be buried this day at 12 oclock with the
honors of war - Lieut Barret will detail
a Sarjeant and twelve men to perform
the honors. The quarter master Genl.
will make arrangements for his inter
-ment

By Command
Robt Searcy
Aid de Camp

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Head quarters Fort Stoddert
March 1st 1814

It having been made known to the Command[ing] General that Andrew Brown a private in Capt David's company of Volunteer Militia died yesterday, and it being due to every officer and soldier who dies in the service of his country to be buried with the honors of war. It is therefore ordered that he be buried this day at 12 o'clock with the honors of war. Capt David will detail an officer and twelve men to fire three [illegible]. The Quarter Master Genl will make arrangements for his interment.

By Command
Robt. [illegible]
Aid de Camp

Gen. Order 1st March 1814
Stoddert

March 15. 1814

Col° John Lowry

Friend and Brother

I have this moment ~~h~~ rec^d your letter of this date, and I am pleased with your ideas as it respects Graysons property—

Friend and Brother— I know you behaved as a brave man at the Hillabays— and all the property taken belonging to the red sticks there— you and your men are entitled to— Graysons property being a friend as you justly observe, is not liable to be taken from him— therefore the negroes, which was found in his possession ought to be returned to him, he giving security to keep them in the Cherokee nation untill the claim of Scott to the negroes shall be determined upon— If they negroes should be decreed to be Scotts then the Cherokees if they are the captors are entitled to them— If Graysons— you and me agree, that he ought not, nor must not be taken from Grayson—

Friend and Brother

you write me on another subject which I am glad you have named the path killer your chief and my brother, Col^o Brown and the chiefs of the friendly creeks all perfectly understand— The cherokees the Friendly creeks and

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the united States, as friends and Brothers has enga=
=ged in a war with the Red Sticks— The Red Sticks
has taken from the Cherokees, the friendly
creeks and the whites a great deal of property
we are all fighting in one cause, we are all
brothers— then if one brother, finds his brothers
horse, in the possession of the Red Sticks, it is
agreed by the chiefs, on all sides that it is to be
delivered up, to the brothers to whom it belongs
But if either party, cherokees, friendly creeks,
or whites, takes property of the Red Sticks, the
property belongs to those who take it— this
is acting, like friends and brothers— engaged
in one cause— any other conduct would not
for if the Red Sticks, had your property and
I killed the Red Stick, and got your property
that the Red Stick had rob you of, it would
not be friendly or brotherly of me not
to give you your property— therefore
as we are all brothers, fighting in one
cause— if the property of a friend is taken
from the Red Stick it is to be delivered up
to our brother, or to the chiefs of the friend
to whom it belongs—

you ask me when I will march—
I will commence my movement this 257

day — I am as anxious as you can be to get on
but for as large an army as I have to feed it
takes time, to prepare — and without provi-
=sions we cannot act — I will lead you shortly
to the enemy — when I expect to see them
all distinguish themselves

I am your friend & Brother

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

Head quarters Fort Strother
March 15th 1814

To Col. John Lowry 1814

Letter 13th March, to be recorded.

Head Quarters Fort Strother 15th March 1814

General Order

On the march of the division from Fort Strother, Col Steel of the fourth Regiment of West Tennessee militia, in the Brigade commanded by Brigr Genl Johnson ~~militia~~ ~~in Brigadier Genl Johnsons Brigade~~, will take command of this Post until further orders. It will become his imperious duty to furnish waggon Guards from hence to Fort deposit & back, and have all supplies intended for the army forwarded on to this place with the utmost dispatch. He will also furnish boatmen & guards and forward on the said supplies, as speedily as possible, to Fort Williams, at the Mouth of Cedar Creek on Coosa River. Should the Boats left for this purpose be found not to be sufficient, he will ascertain that fact as soon as practicable, and have an additional number built, equal to the quantity of supplies forwarded to this place so that no delay may be experienced by the army on that ground.

On the arrival of Captain Hammond's Company with the Pack Horses, Col Steel will take charge of them and have them put in immediate service, in bringing from Fort deposit Corn & Corn Meal to be forwarded without delay to Fort Williams.

Captain Cowen of the Maddison County Rangers has orders to continue to range the country from the deposit to Littafutchee, and from thence to this place every ten days: Should Col Steel find it necessary for the support of this place, at any time, he will detain that Company, and direct what routes they shall take for the better security of the Post and carrying into effect the duties required of him by this order.

Should the Pack Horses be loaded with corn for the

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or the whole or in parts on the arrival of Captain Ham-
-mond, he will send on by said pack horses all the Con-
to the Army wherever it may be

It will become an indispensible duty in
Col Steel to advise the Commanding General
from time to time, and as frequently as possible, of
the situation of things at this place, what quanti-
-ty of supplies has been received and forwarded, &
in short of every circumstance that appears to
him material for the Commanding General
apprised of: at least weekly: and oftener if required

In executing the duties attached to this Command
Col Steel will be particular in regulating a strict po-
-lice at his post - taking care to keep up sufficient
guards for its security - that the Fort & its environs
be kept clear of all kind of filth that can tend
to injure the health of the soldiery. He will also
particularly notice that the mens huts or tents and
the Hospital room or rooms are kept perfectly
clean & neat, for which purpose it would be
adviseable to have an officer of police de-
-tailed each day, who will be authorized to call
from the line as many men from time to time, as shall
be necessary to remove such noxious substances, as
may be necessary to be removed, taking care to make
the companies keep their own fronts clean to a
reasonable distance as well as their rear, and
cabbins or tents.

you will keep out occasionally, such Spies -
west and South west, as you may think necessary
and you will recollect, that you are held responsible
for the safety of the post, and the Supplies, ~~and~~ you
cannot be too vigilant yourself — on course your officers
commanding the escorts of provisions and other
supplies, to be vigilant and not permit themselves

to be surprised by the enemy — and should any officer
fail to keep up regular guards — and it comes to
your knowledge you will forthwith order
him under an arrest — The supplies must be
protected — They must be pushed up to the main
body of the army, from the confidence reposed
in ~~you, by Genl Coffee~~ in conferring this ~~upon~~ ~~you for this~~ important
command upon you — It is expected, that every industry
will be used, to keep the army supplied — and
every attention paid to the defence of the post —
— you will recollect, that both, the posts &
the provisions are to be protected at all haz-
-zards —

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl —

Order 15th
March 1814

Nashville 15th March 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson

Sir In my last

I informed you what detained me here,
Which was an Election pending in which
I feel somewhat Interested; the Election is
for Colonel & two Major, I have tendered
my Services for the Command of the Regt
I had previously Anticipated that Calum-
-ny would in part be the order of the day
But, I never Could have Guess'd that it
would have appeared in its present
Shape. It is Said (by Some person I know
not who) that while in Camp I fre-
-quently Stole upon the Men While On du-
-ty and took their Army, and frequently
persuaded the men ~~While~~ to let me
See their Gun and would take it off and
then have the men punished - the latter
of Which I deny. And to Crown the
Climax it is Said that at the battle
of Talladega I fairly deserted my
post and ran off - to this Charge

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I Shall refer to you and to those Officers Who Were present for Justification. If any of the Charges above named is Just I am Willing the wourld Should Know it, if on the Contrary they are false and groundless & fabricated for Electioneering purposes, I hope you Will do me the honor of Writing me before the Election Which Comes on the 11th & 12th of April next and if this Should not get to hand time enough to Write before the Election be pleased to Write as Soon as you receive it—

I beg pardon for troubling you on a matter of So little Moment to any body else but my Self but of Considerable importance to my self

I flatter my self that in a Verry Short time after the Election I Shall have the happiness of Seeing you, and of participating With you the danger and honor of a Soldier in defence of my Country.

Sir, I have the honor to be With Sentiments of high esteem your humble Servant

Jam Taylor

N.B. I have a thought of applying for a Commission in the United States Service as there is three Regiments to be Raised of Riflemen. I Shall be Verry glad if you Would Write a Recommendation to Gov.r Blount if you deem me Worthy of it for a Command Such as you may think me qualified to fill.

Yours &c.

Sam Taylor

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Southern Army —

Saml. Mayson to Genl.
Jackson dated
March 15th 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Southern Army —

Fort Deposit March 16th" 1814.

Dear
Genl I arrived here yesterday:: and proceeded agreable to your directions: that is with respect to the teams: they were valued by two very worthy men and I have sent the valuation on by Capt. White who will reach to morrow I am with great respect your most obt humble Servt.

Wm Campton

Caul on Capt Duglass
and he will give you the
articles that was Between
Wm Boyd and B Duglass
and ~~Wm~~ Campton

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Wm Comptons inclu=
=sing valuation of Wag: Hire
16th March 1814

of Hands

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

March 16. 1814

first deposit march the 16 — 1814

Mjr General Andrew Jackson sir I think it my duty to report to you any dis satis faction that takes place at this post on yes tarday col stokeley D hays did appoint a certain mr Rivers as Quarter master for this post I did not nor never knew any thing about it he never men tioned any thing of the like to me sir it has made every thing to be in arms and the like I never saw so many men dis satisfied I do think it has done an ingury all artificers all black smiths all capt Reads company and forage master appears to be cool and the contractor's agent like wise sir if you think proper its at your disposal my self is not pleased as I have done that busi nes ever since I have been hear through all deficulties and now the time of ease I could have done the same and not Straughter

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John Bradly ~~~~ Deposit
16th March 1814

hand of Rendering my cuntry
any service in my power my
Charges wood have been more
light or abundantly from this
appointment sir I am yours
with every sentiment of Res
pect

John Bradley
Commandent

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Majr General
Andrew Jackson

Fort
Strawther

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[illegible] March 17: 1814.

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[illegible] the policy, dictated [illegible]

[illegible] unqualified & unconditional [illegible]

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peace; may be bought under the following [illegible] Terms —

1st. An [illegible] of the expenses incurred by the U. S.

in prosecuting [illegible] by such cession or cessions of

land as [illegible] equivalent for said expenses: —

2d. A stipulation on their part that they will cease all

intercourse with any Spanish post, garrison or town — &

that they will not admit among them any agent or

trader who does not derive his authority or licence from

the U. States: —

3d. An acknowledgement of a right in the U. States to

open Roads thro' their territory — and also to establish

therein such military posts & trading houses as may be

deemed necessary or proper — &

4th. A Surrender of the Prophets, or other instigators

of the War — who will be held subject to the [illegible]

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look these matters as your privileges are

with Colonel Hawkins, to

with the

Armstrong

Instructions relative to treaty with the Creeks. From W. department

20th March 1814

Fort Williams 17th March

Genl A Jackson

I arrived at this place last evening a few minutes after your order for forwarding on the provisions at this place to your army came to hand, By the Boats commanded by Majr Martin I send you 15271 lb Bacon, 1732 lb Beef four B. Salt 303 Barrels bread stuff (& three double Barrels Whisky which came down from fort Armstrong) I left fort Strother on the 15th Inst, Canoe creek was at that time so full that the waggons on the route to Deposit could not come on they had deposited on the bank of that creek 92 Bbls flour unan guard, six waggons ~~who~~ that were on this way ingaged in hawling them [to] fort Strother them together with 80 bbls recd from Armstrong will be here by the 20th I have at this place upwards to 200 head of Beef cattle they are generally poor, but the range is good & they will be fat enough to feed the troops on their return march, I have retained at this place about 3,000 lb Bacon & 50 or 60 B. Bread stuff which were not in a situation to bear transportation — I shall start to fort Strother early in the morning & forward on all the provision that may arrive at that place, the Boats built on the plan, which I too recommended when I saw you last are found to answer a valuable purpose I will [illegible] away

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the necessity of having any of the waggons on this
side of Coosa, We have kept at Deposit 500
b. flour & same corn meal, & I think we shall
be able to feed you, unless the means of trans
portation fail, many of the waggons are discharged
& others retained in service can not hawl more
than half load, Nothing has transpired at Fort
Strother since you left us worth communicating
we have had but three deaths at that place
since the 17th March one of them a cherokee
left there sick when the army marched, the
sick are recovering fast, the fort has been
kept clean & the regular police which is
kept up there I think will insure our health
You have my good wishes for your
health & success—

I am Sir your Obt Servt

Wm. R. Pickman [illegible]

P. S. Should you want any thing in the gro
-cery way let me know & it shall be for
-warded—

Major Genl A Jackson

in the woods

Majr Hutchings

John P. Hickman [?]

[illegible]

Ft Strother
17 March 1814

Head Quarters
Genl. Order

Genl. Coffee will remain at this place until Col. Dyer with the detachment under his command shall arrive. So soon as they shall arrive he will forthwith order them to draw sufficient rations to carry them to Ft Williams – Cross the Coosa river without delay – take the command of the whole mounted men, & with all dispatch march them up to to the main body of the army, where he will cause Col Dyer to make report to the commanding General of all the occurrences which have taken place on his command.

When Genl. Coffee reaches the main body of the army he will take command of the whole mounted men, & have them organized into a Brigade.

The Revd. Joseph Dorris who lately acted as Chaplain in the Brigade Commanded by Brig. Genl. Isaac Roberts is transferred from that Brigade to that under the command of Brig. Genl. John Coffee.

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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General Order of the
17th March 1814

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Fort Strother
17th March 1814

Head Quarters

General Order

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Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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General Order
March 17th 1814
to Genl Coffee

Fort Strother 18th. March 1814

Brigade Orders,

Agreeably to a General order, — Col Dyer, and Col Brown, will proceed this morning without delay, to draw four days rations of meat and five days rations of flour, for their respective commands, for their support on the line of march to Fort Williams, the Brigade quarter master will furnish as much amunition as may be wanting for the present, as soon as the provisions and amunition is drawn the whole will cross the river and take up the line of march and follow on after the main army that is marching under the commanding Genl, — Col Dyer, will without delay make report by express to the commanding Genl, of all occurrences which have taken place on his late command — great despatch is absolutely necessary in the execution of the above order —

Jn.o Coffee
Brigr. Genl.

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18th March 1814

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Sir

Permit me to report myself now with the Army according to the order of Brig^r Genl Doherty acting as Hospital Surgeon in appointment by Genl John Cocke of the 1st Division—

Camp, big fall creek
March 19th 1814

Edward Gantt

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to [illegible]

Permit me to report any information in the Army according to the orders of Maj Genl Pinckney acting as [illegible] Surgeon in appointment by Genl [illegible] Coke of the [illegible] Division —

Your obt servt
Edward Gant
April 19th 1814

from
Doct E. Gant
19th Apr 1814

Hon Major General
Andrew Jackson
Present

Hon. Major General

Andrew Jackson

Present

From

Jos. B. [illegible]

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Fort Armstrong 19th March 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

I received your letter with a request to furnish ten Cherokees with provisions which I am ready to do when calld. on. Which they have not yet done I am also applied to, to furnish Rations, to 20 or 25 more the application was by the Indians themselves who wish to be stationed at this Place, for the purpose of Ranging from the Turkeytown Rangers, to the Hightower Rangers to Range in a vacant space always Unnoticed by the others, as they conceive themselves in danger, the application was made by the Old Broom, and the Party to be commanded by the Little Turkey the Party by their interpreter told me if they had provisions within themselves they would not call on their White Brethren for it, but that they have it not in their Power to furnish themselves, and I shall now wait your further order whether to furnish the Rations or not, I have now on hand at this Place a sufficiency of bread stuff to Load a

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Small Boat, say from 100. to 110. barrells of corn Meal and flower which I hope to be able to start about the 22nd. or 23. Instant, I have been conciderably delayed for want of corking, and shall now have to cork her with Linn bark. I am with due regard your obt. humble. Servt.

Jno. Hampton Capt.
Commanding

Captain John Hampton
to Genl. Jackson, dated
March 19th 1814

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Commanding the Southern Army

by express

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Commanding the Southern army

by express

Captain John [illegible]
to Genl. Jackson, dated
March 19th 1814

Copy Sir, 11

Washington
March 20th 1814.

Since the date of my last letter, it has occurred to me that the proposed treaty with the Creeks, should take a form altogether military, and be in the nature of a capitulation – in which case the whole authority of making & concluding the terms will vest in you exclusively as commanding General. In this transaction, should it take place, Colonel Hawkins, as Agent, may be usefully employed.

I am Sir very respectfully &c.

John Armstrong.

Maj: Genl. Pinckney.

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Fort Strother March 20th 1814

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson Sir

You wile receive
by the hand of Mr Bleford a number of letters with an
express from Governor Blount which Mr Wilkinson handed
to me last evening their has nothing of importance
turned up since you left this, I expect on the return of the
bearer to start about three boats loaded principally with flour
& some corn meal, I have wrote Majr Bradly at Deposit
to collect ale the Publick Horses that he thinks able or fit for
use & send them on immediately packed with corn to this place,
which wile be sent immediately to you without delay, the Spies Sent out
as directed on company has returned but made no discovery of
consequence, In case the express is detained I shale be able to
start the boats at least the last of this weak

I am Sir
your most obt.
Robert Steele C.C. F. Strother

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Col. Robt Steele to
Genl. Jackson. dated
March 20th 1814

Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson

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Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson

Mr. Bluford 3

Col. Robt. Steele to
Genl. Jackson dated
March 20th 1814

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Nashville March 20th 1814

Dear Sir,

I recd. yours of the 10th. Instant enclosing a copy of Genl. Doherty's to you of the 8th, two days ago; and last night yours of the 9th enclosing the copy of Genl. Doherty's to you of the 2d. Instant came to hand — The contents of these letters created surprize, and they are highly important to the public interest — It becomes my duty, on application, to comply with your demand for the arrest of Major Genl. John Cocke, of which, when made, you will have notice, agreeably to your request, that you may be prepared to exhibit specifications in support of your charges accompanying the demand for his arrest — I am not advised by Genl. Cocke what part of the force from the 1st. Division is intended to fill the requisition of the Secy War for 1500 men; but as it is supposed by me that the whole force be ordered out, to wit, as I am informed 2500 is ordered for the same term of service, six months, and as the probability is that they are, from what I hear, on the way to join you, I hope & believe that you will have it in your power to fill it & the requisition made by Genl. Flournoy from the E. Tenn. detachment; the selection of which I cannot make as well as you can on the spot, and therefore I rely on your doing it out of that detachment if practicable; but if you cannot spare them without injury to the important service you are so faithfully and ably engaged in and supporting, you will not be justifiable in filling the requisition made by Genl. Flournoy, but you will immediately advise me thereof that other measures may be adopted so as best to promote the service both where you command and at Mobille — you will act for the best according to your judgment & knowledge of the troops; in which, you will be sure to do your duty faithfully, as you have uniformly done as well in my opinion & in the opinion of hundreds of thousands, as in the opinion of the Secy War & of Genl. Pinckney whose high approbation of your conduct is extremely gratifying to me and to

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your friends in general — merit will meet its reward — it is like truth, it will prevail in process of time — I wrote you on the 14th Instant by Mr. Wilkerson, Express, which, as he is careful, you have no doubt recd., and my letter to Genl. Pinckney by him to your care by you forwarded — I am anxious for his answer, as the more time I have to raise men, the better they can be prepared, and the more satisfactory to all, as well as the more useful to the service — I am dear Sir, respectfully & sincerely

your Obt. Servant

Willie Blount

His Excellency Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
U.S. Service
Creek Nation

Gov. Blount

datd Nashville 20th

March 1814.

His Excellency Major Genl. A. Jackson

U. S. Service

Comdt. Action

Express

His Excellency Major Genl. Jackson
U. S. Service
Creek Nation.

Express

Gov. Blount
...d at Nashville 20th
...March 1814.

Floydsville Chatahuchee 20th March 1814

Genl Jackson

Sir having completed a campaign under Genl Floyd on the last day of ~~April~~ Feby, on the first of this Inst I accepted of an appointment in the United States Service, that of Superintendant of Artificers which appointment had been made on the 18th of Feby when I was at Fort Hull on Calebee creek near the Tallipoosey, being notified by the proper authority of my appointment I accepted of the same returned home to the up country (as I command the most Frontier Battalion) I instantly organised a corps of Artificers and with Lieut Gilmore of the 43rd Regiment U S Army took up our line of March for this place the Lieut having twenty two Regulars though chiefly new recruits, and on the 14th the very respectable Lieut a Mr Bowman Principle Boatwright, Soldiers, artificers and myself arrived on the banks of the Chatahuchee

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at a place named as above, which place had been pitched on by Majr Burke one of the United States Deputy Quarter Master Genls. who in the month of Janry last built, or had built a Boat in order to try the experiment of transporting Supplies from this place to Fort Mitchel. the Experiment so far succeeded that Genl Pinckney has thought proper to order the building of ten Boats, which I am now stationed on the Chatahouchy in order to effect. It being left to my self to choose a site for the Fort and a place for a boat yard, I accordingly with the Lieut Gilmore and Mr. Bowman the Boatright pitched on a spot about a quarter and half quarter from where Majr Burke pitched on, on a commanding eminence below the mouth of a large creek which is navigable for several hundred yards and makes an excellent convenient Harbour, and right opposite a bend in the River where from the Gate of the Fort when built an view of the River can be had both up and down and renders the scene quite romantic, the boat yard may be

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either on the banks of the river or creek or both and can
be commanded by the Fort.

As you will no doubt recollect me as we went to
School together to old Mr. Stephenson on the Catawba
and as we both suffered by the last war, I lost
a brother and by I don't Mistake in addition to
suffering yourself as a prisoner you lost one also
and being both now engaged the common cause, I
should be much gratified to receive a few lines from you
by each arrival as the line of expresses are now
directed to pass this Station, you will no doubt
recollect to have seen mention of my name in the
[illegible] fight on the Tallapoosy by Genl. Floyd. I had
not an efficient command under the Genl except
on that route I acted as Adjutant and even on the
plains of Ardore, I went as private into the army
(leaving a family of thirty five in number) but was
early appointed to act in the Quarter masters department
and as early as the 31st of October was appointed Special Commissary
the emoluments of which are nearly equal to that of Lieut. Colo., my
appointment now about that (or nearly so) of a Major, but am within
about sixty five miles of my family near the standing peach tree

If you should not recollect me I am the son of James Montgomery brother to Robert who was prisoner and Wm who died in the service in the last Warr, a brother to John who was taken prisoner at the hanging Rock battle who died a prisoner in Charlestown you may recollect that I was in the service in the year 92 in Cumberland when you acted as Commissary or Contractor that success may crown all your endeavours and that you may still ^continue^ cover yourself with Glory is the prayer of Sir your

Obedient Servt &c

J. M. C. Montgomery S. U. S. A.

My best compliments to Doctor Philips if he is with you tell him I killed an Indian at Autausee with my sword though not named by Genl Floyd, as you named the several Indians that "a ..."

L.W. Montgomery to Genl Jackson, dated March [illegible] 1814

Ft. Williams 21st March 1814

Major Hickman

Sir

I arrived here in safety this morning, & shall remain tomorrow for the purpose of drawing supplies, & making other necessary arrangements, & set out the next day for Emuckfa—

Notwithstanding the assurances you have given me, & the great confidence I have in your exertions, I cannot but feel considerable anxiety and apprehension on the score of supplies. It is impossible that a man situated as I am, & who has been made to experience the difficulties by which I have been so long beset, should not feel many fears lest similar evils should again come upon him. Indeed I look forward to another failure of supplies as the entire destruction of all my hopes, & the utter frustration of the creek war. Upon you—upon the contractors every thing depends for the favorable termination of the ~~creek war~~ campaign; & upon you & them I must again & again call, to spare no exertion—no expence to have my army regularly & plentifully supplied. It must certainly be in your power to do so, by using the proper industry; & not to be industrious on such an occasion is to be every thing that honorable men would wish not to be. It was a strange mistake which your partners committed in supposing they had already supplied the requisition which I made upon them. You were shewn the copy of that requisition, & know how greatly they have fallen short of it. That requisition still hangs over them, & must be satisfied

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It would be very painful to me to be compelled to take any measure, by which the contractors would be made to suffer great losses, but the salvation of the army may make such a measure necessary. I do not say this by the way of terrifying you into the performance of your duty, but that you may be clearly apprized beforehand of the consequences of a failure

All I want is supplies for my army. Had I a sufficiency for four weeks now at this place, my mind would be at ease, & the war I think pretty near its termination.

Including the troops of every description who are with me there cannot be less than 5000 consumers; & the supplies which are now on hand, if none of it should get lost or injured — will not last them more than ten days. I hope therefore that you will forward it on from Ft St. Stephens with the utmost dispatch, as soon as it shall arrive there —

From the best estimate I have been enabled to make after weighing some of your cattle I am induced to think they cannot average more than 300 lb — a very great falling off from what they were computed at —

Letter to Major Hickman
March 21st. 1814

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to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Williams
March 21st 1814

Genl order

The adjutant General will detail from Genl Dohertys Brigade two hundred healthy stout well armed men Two hundred ~~of the same kind~~ of stout well armed men from Genl Johnstons Brigade — and four hun=dred, of the best mounted and armed men from the cavalry mounted gun men & spies — with all the Indians, that are well armed, to be ready for an excursion early on the morning of the 22d Instant, each man to take one days provision with him — ~~Genl~~ Genl Johnston to take the command —

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl —

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Genl. order
March 23d. 1814

to be Recorded

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Head Quarters Ft Williams
March 21st 1814

Genl order

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Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Genl Orders of the
21st March 1814 —

Recorded 25th Apr. 1814

Head Quarters, Fort Williams
March 21st 1814

General Orders,

The commanding general announces to the army; the following appointments. to wit; Major Thomas E Wyatt assistant Adjutant general in place of Major Joseph Anthony resigned.— Majors John Hutchings & Thomas Camp assistant Quarter Master general in the place of Archibald Potter & Lemuel Childress resigned Major Howell Tatum Topographical Engineer in the place of Major John Strother resigned.— Capt John Cheatham Assistant Topographical engineer in place of Capt Leroy May resigned Capt William Bradford principle engineer in place of Howell Tatum promoted; All officers & soldiers are commanded to respect them as such

By Command
Robt Searcy aid de Camp

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Genl order
22d March 1814
to be recorded

Hermitage March the 21st. 1814

My Dear Husband

your affectionate & Ever Dear Letter of
The 21 Febary I received with joy mingled with
Sorrow and tears I read the indearing Lines of what
Consolation and Comfort was in every word I was
Like Dear Andrew when I gave him one of your
Letters telling him his pappa had sent him
That he huged it to His bosome as a treasure of
Intrinsic value I never knew so strong a mark of
Gratitude and affection all one night he keept it
under his Heade and Lost it I was oblied to git up
and find it before he would go to Sleepe againe
he is well talks very much of his Little Lyncaia
I am vexed that none of our friends will
Fetch him to me Collo Hayes sayes he Called
For him but he was not in a situation to travil
at that time owing to indisposition Col Warde
Promised me to fetch him when he went
To madison

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you mentioned andrew Lamenting the Loss of
Theadore he saw me sheding tears saide he Sweet
Mother what are you crying for I told him Loss
It take you all to cry for one Little thing said
He and scarcely ever names him since he dont like the
other Andrew to have the little Indian boy you
Spoke of I told him we could not keepe so many
he saide theay cold waite and he wold eate with them
— I Dont know wher this letter will reach you know
ing your intended Expidition and that the tim was
past some time since oh my Love my Heart bleeds for you
The daingers and trials perels and diffyculties dayly
awaits you but I see you have set your foot on a
rock that never can be shaken oh how often I
have thanked that supreme Governer that rules and
Directs the just and virtuous you say his overruleing
Power is more conspicuous in the field of battle then in
our peacefull dwelings shurely that is correct its Cristian
Like I can almost say thou arte a Cristian I hope you
are goodness and virtue points oute all your ways
by the grace and help of that god

who has you in his heavenly parentel Care may he Condesend
to be with you in those of dainger & difficulty bare you
Conquerer through Support you with a mighty power
your fortitude and firmness never was Equeled none
was so tryed in our day Major Bellar has retu
and all Can See their Husband but poor me
He tells me not to repine at your absence the never fad
ing Lawrels you have gaind should quiet my mind
oh no how Can I be at rest while you are Suffering
Continuecal Daingers hardeships and a painfull
Wound perplext with men and ther base Conduct
Invalopped in Clouds of Difficulties — blessed be the god
of Heaven you have triumph over them all —
Genl Pinkeneys Letter with the secretarys I
saw in the whig of last week — The Dreadfull
Catastrope of Nashville you Doubtless have hear your
Freind Mr Duncan Robertson was one of the Sufferrors
with maney others Since that two attempts to Set it
on fire by Some villion — farwell my Dear hopeing Soon
to meet you Let not fame nor honour keep aney longer
from my wishes then this Campaign R Jackson

my Compits to Johnny Hutchings Gl Coffee

I hope the youth I Caffery reached you in saffty I felte much interested for him to see a youth with oute aney person to befriend him but a widowed aged Mother and my self but his patreotism led him forward and I will warrent his bravery as a Soldier the old Lady still appears malencholy She sends her blesings to you says she sent a young Hero to fight for you Comand him as you please I gave him some money and a hunting Shirte Some articles permit me to have you an Ellegant Sute of uniform sutch as your grade is intitled to with pleasure it will be Done I feare you are forgitfull of your Dear Self The next Letter tell me when I may hope to see you Mr James Jackson has been very attentive to me and maney others Colo Anderson Calls to See me — The Choisest blessings of Heaven rest and abide with you atteng angels garde you Throuth Every Mysterryous scene of perel and Dainger is my prayer nightly & beleive me your affectionate

Mr A Jackson Wife Rachel Jackson

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Major

Gen. A Jackson

At Head Quaters

Express

[22 Mar]

Sir

Fort Boyer March 21st. 1814

Your letter offering the resignation of your commission as first Lieutenant in the 2d Regiment of Infantry of the United States, is received; and will be forwarded to Brigadier General Thomas Flournoy commanding the 7th Military District — Agreeable to instructions on this subject given me by General Flournoy, you are hereby permitted to depart from this command — The date of the acceptance of your resignation rests with General Flournoy —— Wishing you a perfect cure and future happiness —

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. Bowyer Lt. Col.
Comm'g

Lieut. Perrin Willis
2d Infantry

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Huntsville

D. Sir 22nd March 1814

The bearer hereof Mr Masengale has at Fort Deposit one hundred and fifty barrels of flour impressed and detained at that place, we have offered him nine dollars Per b[illegible] the flour and to pay the whole of the Money down which is certainly a good price. We have purchased within the last week flour at Eight dollars Per barrel at Dittos landing a Boat load, and within Eight days past have purchased Several hundred barrels at Deposit at from 8. to 9. Dollars the barrel, indeed, in no Instance of late have we Given more than nine Dollars Per barrel One half down and the residue in three or four Months, and I thought in order to satisfy Mr

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Masingale and prevent his pestering
you about the business of flour,
when matters of the highest importance
sufficient to employ the most active
mind constantly surround you and
must engage or occupy all your
time, thus to offer him a good price
and pay all down, but he
is not satisfied with that and
says he must have ten dollars
per barrel & will go to Head Quarters
to see you for a draft; you need
not fear we will supply you
with provision at Deposit, and
I make no doubt but it will
be transported to you, wishing
you health & great success, and
crown with fresh Laurels,

My respects to Genl
Coffee Colo Carroll & the officers
of your family, and have the
honor to remain Dear Genl
your mo ob hu

John Brahan

We have purchased
within the last twelve
days between nine
hundred and one
thousand barrels of
flour & not one
barrel have cost us
more than nine dollars J B

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Major General A. Jackson
Commanding the
troops from Tennessee
on their march ag^t
the Hostile Creeks
Mr Masingale ^by Creek Nation

Huntsville March 22nd 1814.

Dear Genl

I recd your letter of the 16th yesterday,
am truly mortified to hear that you were
further delayed by failures in the Quarter
master department. This however I presume
would not have been the case, had not
Genl Johnson moved on and left his baggage
by way of a forced march. It was thought that
ammunition waggons partially loaded would travel
as fast as baggage and I believe it was in pur=
suance with your order to send it on with
Johnsons Brigade —
I left Fort Deposite on the 19th Inst. Things were
going on tolerably well at that time; but
I have not heard from there since — I can
get no person to write me, altho' positively
ordered to do so. I send Lieut. Thos D. Crabb
there to day to see the situation of things —
to have the provisions pushed on to you
as fast as possible. He will report to you
the situation of things from that place and
will at all times, afterwards be ready at this
place to receive and execute any orders from
you. I think he may be relied on — I
stated to you in my last that I had

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appointed S. Harris as my agent here, but I was surprised to find he had not quit his old habits & that in emergent cases, he might be disqualified — I appointed Lieut. Crabb —

James is here not yet able to travel, but will be I think in a few days — He is at Doctr. Moores, who has paid very attention to him, taken him to his counting room — this was his voluntary offer at a time when I could get no safe or comfortable berth for him — He deserves our thanks for his attention; for had him not been attended to particularly his case would have been doubtfull — I leave this to day for Murfreesborough where I wish you to write me as you promised you would do, for I feel more than common solicitude to hear from you. All making inquiries anxious for the event of this movement, no doubt entertained of your success — The contractors are reluctant in purchasing, and I have been continually pestered by the flour merchants, whom they refused to pay after having their flour inspected at Deposite — but for Pope things would be otherwise — He holds the keys of the exchequer and Brahans is completely under his governance in his acts. He thinks very differently from him. If you intend making a further requisition

on them, you cannot do it too soon — they will do nothing unless you urge them to it — With esteem Your friend &

Obt Servt.

S. D. Hays Q.
Master Genl

NB. Direct to me at Murfreesborough or Nashville — Crabb will send any letters you may wish me to get by express or otherwise as you may direct him ~~S.D.H.~~

Col. Ro. D. Hays to
Genl Jackson dated
March 22d 1814

Majr Genl. Andrew Jackson
Ft. Williams
Emuckfaw

Express.

23rd March 1814

23rd March 1814

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Ft. Williams or
Emuckfau

Express.

...H. L. D. Hays 6
...nl. Jackson date
March 22d 1814

Camp Williams
22nd march 1814

Genl. Jackson

Sir,

I'm inform'd, that Capt. King took two of his Waggon Horses on the detachment of your order this morning — the Bearer, Joshua Heywood in whose care the Waggon & 2 Horses were left will not be able to return to Fort Strather agreeably to your order of this evening — This for your information —

Respectfully
Geo. Doherty B.G.

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Genl. George Doherty
to Genl. Jackson
dated March 22. 1814
at camp Williams

Maj Genl. Andrew Jackson
Present

Huntsville M. T.
March 22d. 1814

Sir

Being on my way to the Head Quarters of Major Genl. Pinckney, I was instructed by Brigt. Genl. Flournoy, to drop you a line from the nearest point, on my rout, giving you such information as might be in my possession.

At the Town of Mobile, large supplies of provision, & munitions of war have been deposited, subject to your order — At Fort Claiborne (on the Alabama) Lt. Colo. Russell commands the 3d. Regt. of Infy. 500 strong, and expects in a short time to have 7. or 800 Militia from M. Ty: his orders are to effect a junction with Genl. Pinckney as soon as possible, with not less than 1500 men he is amply supplied with every thing, and is at this time building boats — at Fort

St. Stephens

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St. Stephens, Mobile Point, Mobile, and
Ft. Stoddart the Officers have received orders
to furnish your Excellency, and all others en=
=gaged in the Creek war, with whatever may
be required, or may be in their power to procure

I have the honor to be with
consideration & respect Your
Excellencies most obt. & hbl. Servt.

Benjn. D. Heriot Capt.
& Brigade Major

Major General Jackson
Comdg. Ten: Troops
Creek Nation

From Major B. D. Herriot
22d March 1814

Public Service

Major General Jackson
Comdg. Tennessee Troops
Creek Nation

The post master is
requested to forward
this with all possible
dispatch.

Fort Strother 22nd March 1814

Majr Genl A Jackson

Sir! Since you left this place I have received fifty ~~three~~ Barrels flour, & last night 17 Waggons lay within four miles of this place & 17 more at Cane Creek all of which I expect here to night loaded with flour Should they come up to morrow or next day I will Start them down to fort Williams, it will load all the Boats we have now on hand Colo Steel will commence Boat building this day, I expect to be able to load them as [hole] as he can build them — I [hole] on hand a Small Kegg of Whisky sent to you by Colo S D Hays which I will send on by the first ~~day~~ Boat, your flannel was sent from Huntsville by Major Wilkerson who carried on the last express to you he lost it on the other side of Deposit, I am Sir your Obt Servt

Wm. B. Hickman

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John F. Hickman to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 22d. 1814

Express

Majr Genl A Jackson
Fort Williams
Coosa river

Fort Williams 59 miles below Ft. Strother
on the Coosa
22d. march 1814

Major James Baxter
Sir,

Having arrived here in safety on the morning of yesterday, my only fears now relate to supplies. If these should not be speedily & regularly furnished me all my schemes will be frustrated & my hopes entirely blasted. But I have a strong relyance on your industry & exertions. Let me not be disappointed. For gods sake, do not let the campaign fail, for want of the means of subsistance, or even linger. Push on supplies with all possible dispatch. The day after tomorrow I shall commence my march to Emuckfa; I have not on hand more than ten days rations. If on my return hither, there should be no prospect of the speedy arrival of other supplies, the further prosecution of the campaign may be looked upon as hopeless. This is an evil which I am sure you will do your utmost to avert

I am very Respectfully
Yr obdt. Servt.

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Letter to Major Beatty
March 22d. 1814

to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Williams
March 22nd 1814

Major John Hutchings asst. D. quarter M. G.

Sir from the report of Col John Williams of the 39th Infantry who sailed with the boat fleet from fort Strother, and who has arrived at the Shoal, one and a half miles above this, it is found that the navigation of the river, is both dangerous and difficult, and if the water falls any lower, cannot be relied on for the supplies of the army, I find from the number of troops, and the quantity of supplies on hand here, that we have not more than ten days rations, this will be consumed on the excursion to Emuckfaw, and a supply must be here in ten days from this, of both meat and flour or meal I fear the contractors has again been negligent, and a supply of meal is not near — You and Major Rose who I have ordered on to aid you in procuring and pushing on the supplies, are authorised to purchase on the event of not finding a sufficient supply at fort Strother, or so near that, it can be pushed up in due time, for the support of this army, we must have forty days rations pushed up immediately for five thousand men, that is two hundred thousand rations, and then a sufficient supply for that part of the army whose time will be expiring, and returning

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home, at fort Strother and fort deposit, and a sufficient, and continued supply at fort Williams as long as the post is ordered to be kept up— you will therefore have sent on from fort Strother all the beef pork and Bacon, that is there, and all the bread stuffs that is at that place, in doing this you will employ every means of transportation waggons, pack horses, and boats,— The supplies must come on, and I authorise you to procure the means by every way in your power, strong escorts must be employed to accompany the first by land, and an enterprising officer to command them to push them on, and also by water, for all purchases made under this order for provisions, you will draw on me, and I will give a draft on the department of war,— and all waggons now in employ must be kept in service so long as they are able to perform service for all purchases of pack horses or waggons you will draw on the assistant deputy quarter master, as usual for the purchase money you will not let the supplies rest with

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the declarations of they contractors - you must see them yourselves on their way thither, or you must purchase at any price you can obtain the supplies to the amount of the deficiencies of two hundred thousand rations, that you may find not delivered at the places in my notification to Cols. Pope and Brahan agents of Ward and Taylor, at fort Deposit, fort Strother, fort Williams, and the Junction of Coosey and Talleypoosey rivers; - If beef can be got they will afford the most speedy supply, and can be brought up on foot, or hogs might do on foot, they will save transportation, and by mixing them with beef they will do for a few days - The success of the campaign rests on the supplies, and I have confidence in your exertions, write pressingly to Baxter, and send on your letter to the first stand of posts, with the letters I send on to Genl. Pinckney, which I have ordered to be carried by night and by day, both to Major Genl. Pinckney and Major Baxter -

I send on to fort Strother Mr. Daniel

Wooten, and his Brother to superintend
the Boat Building - which you will notify
Col Steel of, and tell him if the boats are
not ready that were left there, they must
be ready in twenty four hours, for loading
and sailing - In haste yours

respectfully

Andrew Jackson

Major Genl.

Major Hutchings
27th March
1814
to be Returned

Genl Thos Johnston

Sir
you will immediately proceed with the detach=
ment ordered under your command by my order of last evening &
burn the village called ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ten miles distance, killing all
the warriors, and making prisoners of all women and children
you will then proceed six miles farther and destroy the village
called the [illegible] Hassey – and any other houses or villages
that is within striking distance of you ~~[illegible]~~ returning by
midday of the 23rd instant – In performing this duty
you will be carefull to march in good order in from
three columns to five, eight, or ten as the ground will permit
keeping your spies ahead, and your flankers on each
flank – keeping perfect silence, so that you can steal upon
any straggling spies of the enemy – if any of the men fall
into your hands, they are to be treated as prisoners – they may
give usefull information – you are to be attentive & vigi=
=lant to prevent ambuscades by day or surprise by night
and when you halt in the day, you will immediately
post your centinels – should you not be able to return
to camp to day you will use great care in the night
to prevent surprise, or injury from a night attack – I
would recommend a strong picquett, to be sent on
your back trail, who should remain the greater part
of not all the night – you must return to camp on the
23rd instant, as I intend making a movement on the morning
of the 24th I am respectfully your mo ob servt

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl –

Head quarters Fort Williams
March 22d 1814 – 5 oclock a.m.

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Order to Genl. Capt Johnston to be recorded
March 22d 1814

Majr. Genl. Pinckney Ft Williams (59 miles below Ft Strother)

22d. March 1814

Sir

I reached this place in safety on the forenoon of yesterday; & the boats, a few hours afterwards, fastened on the shoals a mile & a half above here. I shall be compelled to take out the loding, & bring it hither in perogues

You will learn by the report of Col. Williams which I enclose you, his opinion of the navigation of the river; & below this point, it is represented by the Indians, as being still more difficult. If ~~no~~ rain should not fall in a short time, to raise the waters I must resort again to land-transportation; & in the meantime I shall make the best arrangements in my power for such an event.

Owing to the delay ~~which has been~~ occasioned by the ~~fastening~~ hanging of the boats I shall not be able to commence my march to Emuckfau, sooner than the day after tomorrow. I shall leave a sufficient number of men, for the defence of this place & to scour the circumjacent country.

Notwithstanding the assurances of the contractors, I look forward to the possibility of being again disappointed in supplies, with ~~very~~ considerable apprehension ~~anxiety feelings~~: & my fears are encreased by the report of Col. Williams. No ~~exertions of mine~~ means in my power, however, shall be left unexerted ~~untried~~ to keep my army regularly furnished; & to bring the campaign to a speedy termination.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yr. Obt. St.

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Letter to Genl Pinck-
-ney to be recorded.
O2 2d March 1814

Head Quarters Fort Williams
March 22nd 1814

Messrs Pope & Brahan

A Garrison is now building at this Place (at the mouth of Cedar creek on Coosa River, fifty five miles in advance of Fort Strother which will contain four hundred effective men, It becomes your indispensible duty, and you are hereby required to keep up a constant and Sufficient Supply of provisions for the Support of that force at this place, exclusive of the necessary Supplys to the marching army under my command, until further orders shall direct you otherwise

Yours respectfully
Andrew Jackson
major General

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Messrs Cooper & Braham

22nd March 1814

to be Renewed

Ft Williams 22nd March 1814

Messrs Pope & Brahan

Gentlemen

Your letter of the signifying that you at length had been fortunate enough to fill my requisition was handed me by Genl Coffee before I left Ft Strother but I had not time then to answer it.

What could have occasioned the erroneous belief on which you ~~fe~~ felicitate yourselves in that letter, I am quite at a loss to conjecture.

It will be recollected by you that so long ago as the 20th of November last, you were required forthwith to make a deposit at Ft Strother of forty days rations for three thousand men & to be in readiness to make a deposit of the same quantity at Talladega, & also at the junction of the Coosa & Tallapoosa, several weeks elapsed and no deposit made, agreeably to this requisition, even at Fort Strother, I therefore on the 15th of December forwarded you another order in the following words viz. Head Quarters Fort Strother 15th Decr 1813

Genl Order Messrs Pope & Brahan Subcontractors under the contract of Ward & Taylor

Gentlemen you will agreeably to my former order make a deposit of complete rations for three thousand men at Ft Strother for forty days, you will also make a deposit of forty days complete rations for 3000 troops at Lashly's fort & a like deposit at the junction

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of the Coosa & Tallapoosa:

The first order of the requiring you to make the deposit immediately at Ft Strother, also required you to be in readiness to make it at Sarkly's fort & at the junction of the rivers; in order that no delay might be experienced when you should be notifyed that the deposit was wanted at those places; the second order gave you that notice. Now has either of those orders ever been executed in whole or in part? Has there ever, even at Ft Strother, been a deposit made agreeably to the first or the last of those requisitions? You must I presume, be fully apprised of the great difference there is between making a deposit of supplies & issuing daily rations; and supposing you to be so, I am more & more at a loss to account for your mistake. Surely there has never been a deposit of Forty days rations for three thousand men at Ft Strother — even if the daily rations which have, from time to time, been issued there exceeded that amount! Daily rations may enable an army to subsist while the necessary preparations are making; but it is the deposit which enables it to move forward to the accomplishment of its object. As their purposes are so different the one cannot be mistaken for the other in filling up a requisition. Suppose it could however; even then you will find, that you have fallen very far short of the quantity required.

All I want is that my army should be furnished regularly & plentifully; & this must be done if any means in my power shall enable me to effect it. This is a moment in which the

the least delay may prove ruinous to my hopes & to the Cam-
-paign, God forbid I should ever again see discontent &
mutiny in my camp. I cannot look forward to the bare pos-
-sibility of it, but with very unquiet feelings. Could I now
be regularly furnished, for only four or five weeks, it
would enable me to put a finishing to what has been so
long on hand. This I think may be done, this I hope *will*
be done; & let me even *entreat* you not to disappoint me
When an army, on whose exertions, your own welfare &
that of your fellow citizens so much depends may be starving
in an enemy's country, do not sleep quietly on your pil-
-lows until you have done all in your power to supply
them: push forward the provision as fast as it can be
procured & do not think it will arrive as well tomorrow.
Situated as I am, & with such an army, the arrival of
supplies one day sooner, or one day later may be of
the greatest consequence. Their term of service (or at least
of the greater part) will soon expire; & every thing must be
accomplished, that we can ever hope to accomplish,
before that period arrives; Tomorrow I shall leave this place
(which I reached yesterday) for Emuckfaw; & if on my re-
-turn to it, which will be in 8 or 10 days, there should be
no prospect of the speedy arrival of other supplies, it is easy
to foresee the disquietude which will be produced. With
what I shall then have on hand if more is not furnished me
in the mean time; I shall not be able to make a move-
-ment to the Hickory ground, where it is all important,
as I conceive, that an early & permanent establishment

should be made. Relying upon your exertions & the success of them

I am Gentlemen very
respectfully Yr
Obt Servt

P.S. Col Williams has this moment arrived from the boats which fastened in the shallows about a mile & a half above here on yesterday, we shall be compelled to bring hither the lading in some other way, which will occasion the delay of another day in my movements.

Letter to Pope & Brahan
to be mailed
29 March 1814

Ft. Williams 22d. March 1814

Col. Steel

Sir

I arrived here in safety yesterday forenoon; & the boats a few hours afterwards, fastened in the shoales a mile & a half above here. owing to this circumstance, I shall not be able to sett off for Emuckfa, sooner than the day after tomorrow.

The source of all my fears are the want of supplies. Could these be furnished me regularly for four or five weeks, I think, I could successfully terminate the campaign but if they should not the consequences are easily to be foreseen & greatly to be feared. discontent & mutiny will again shew themselves: & in all probability, frustrate, entirely, all our endeavours

You will therefore I trust, omit no diligence, to have supplies speedily forwarded me from Ft. Strother. I have not at present more than will last me ten days; & the least delay afterwards in receiving other supplies, will produce the most ruinous consequences—

I send you some men (who will report themselves) to aid in the building the boats, which I hope you will have completed & dispatched with the least possible delay— Hurry the contractors— Hurry the Boat builders— Hurry every man on whose exertions the army has to depend for its support. I learn from Col. Williams that the navigation of the river is very difficult & must therefore be confided to safe hands, you will be advised by the Q. master to whose care to intrust them

I am deeply yr. obdt. servt.

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Letter to Col.o Steel
March 22d 1814

to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Williams March 22nd. 1814

General order

A General Court martial ~~is~~ to consist of Seven members is ordered to convene at this place ~~at nine O'Clock A.M.~~ on the 23rd. Instant at 9 O'Clock A.M., for the trial of Lieut. Bernard M. Patterson & such other prisoners as may be brought before them — Major Lemuel P. Montgomery is hereby appointed President of said Court, the other members will be detailed by the adjutant of the 39th Regiment United States Infantry

By Command
Robt Searcy aid de Camp

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Order for
Court martial for
the trial of Barnard
Patterson: to be renewed

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Fort Strother March 22nd 1814

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson

I Just Recd. an express from Capt. John Hampton by Chickee trait, & from the recommendation of Capt. Hampton, I have started him on his rout immediately to you with the same,

Respectfully
Yours &c
Robert Steele C, C, F, Strother

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Maj. Gen: Andrew Jackson
Creek Nation

Express

Col. Robt Steele To
Genl Jackson, dated
March 22d 1814

Fort Williams
March 22d: 1814.

The undersigned has the honor of repor-
ting to Genl. Jackson that he sailed
with the dispatched fleet from Fort
Strother on the morning of the 18th instant
and arrived within two miles of this
place last evening. The navigation of
the river Coosa is at the lowest extremely
difficult & dangerous, and if the water
was a few inches lower would be totally
impracticable with flat boats. The provision
and military stores confided to his care
are all safe

John Williams
Col. 39th Infy.

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Col. Williams report
of 22d march 1814

to be Recorded

Fort Bowyer March 22d. 1814

Sir

The rapid decay of my health, and the threatening aspect which the approaching sickly Season wears forces me to embrace the earliest opportunity to get an operation performed on my wound. Which I have not a doubt but will effect a perfect cure, if it is well done, and in a propitious climate.

A letter from Genl Flournoy to me of the 26th of Jany last leaves but one way to obtain this great good; which I now avail myself of by offering this my resignation of the commission I hold as first Lieutenant in the 2d Regiment of Infantry of the United States army. To take date from the last day of June next. My reason for wishing it to be defered untill then is urged by common honesty; for I have been compelled to pass my acct.s &c for my pay and emoluments until that time, to rais money to defray my expences to Phil.a

I'm haste I am very

Respectfully Your's &c

Perrin Willis

Lieut. Col John Bowyer

Fort Bowyer

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Lieut. Willis
22 March 1814
Offer of Resignation

Fort Chicago March 22d 1814

[illegible] of my health and the [illegible]
[illegible] approaching [illegible] from me to make
an [illegible] opportunity to get an [illegible] performance on
my [illegible]. [illegible] not a doubt but [illegible] effect a
perfect cure, if it [illegible] here, and in a [illegible] climate
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] as First Lieutenant in the 2d Regiment
of Infantry of the United States Army, to take date from the
first day of June next. My reason for wishing it to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for my pay and [illegible]
until that time, [illegible]
to Chicago [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]
[illegible] Willis

Lieut. Col. John [illegible]
[illegible]
P. Willis

Lieut. Willis
Resignation

(Copy)

Charleston 23rd March 1814

Sir

In answer to the question "Can a Militia Officer accused of military crimes while in the service of the U.S. though not arrested, & charges in form laid against him, be arrested and tried by a Genl. Court Martial after his tour of duty has expired, & therefore be no longer in the service of the U.S."; I would answer that I have never known, nor have been able ever to find, after the the most diligent investigation a case precisely similar in all its points to the one propounded; my opinion must therefore be predicated upon analogical reasoning and from a rational construction of the Rules and articles of War.

In the course of my research on this subject I have in fact been much surprised to find history so silent. There is in truth but one case that I have met with that is closely analogous to the one proposed, & that not in every particular, I mean the case of Lord George Sackville, a General in the service of his B. M. in Germany; the circumstances of whose case were these. Being in command of the Cavalry at the battle of Minden under the command of Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick the Commander in Chief of all the forces he was implicated by the prince of a disobedience of orders, tho' he was not arrested, nor charges in form preferred against him, the censure extended to him being conveyed in a general order issued by the

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Command in chief after the battle, upon which he
returned to England and requested to be tried by a
general Court Martial, the same being impracticable
in Germany, where he was charged with the high commiss-
of sanctioning or disapproving of all sentences of Genl
Courts Martial. In the mean time he had been
deprived of all military command by the minister
and in this dilemma, it became a matter of doubt
whether he could be amenable to a Court Martial.
The question was referred to the twelve Judges, who
unanimously declared they saw no ground to doubt
the legality of the jurisdiction of a Court Martial
in these circumstances. This case appears in
most of its circumstances extremely similar
to the one propounded & doubtless would be applica-
-ble & conclusive authority in the case of Officers
in the Regular service of the U S who should be
in a similar predicament, but with respect to
Militia Officers the case appears to be extremely different
from Regular officers, in several particulars. First Notwithstanding
they are amenable to Genl Courts Martial while in the service of the
U.S. yet they are only so sub modo for they must be tried by Militia
Officers. Secondly — their term of service is limited as to its
duration which period being completed their [illegible] [illegible]

to prevent them from resigning, whereas the term of service of Regular officers is indefinite as to its duration, and the government have unquestionably the power to restrain them resigning whilst they are accused of military offences, and the better opinion is that the President has the absolute power of retaining regular officers in the service even under any circumstances, and lastly it appears to me to be a sensible exposition of the 97th article of the Rules & Articles of War, that a Militia man either officer or private cannot be tried by a General Court Martial for a military offence except when mustered & in the actual service of the U.S. The best opinion therefore that I have been able to form, either from precedent analogy or correct reasoning, is that the officer in the case submitted is not now amenable to a Genl. Court Martial.

I am Sir respectfully
your Obt. Servt.
James T. Dent
(signed) Judge Advocate

Col. F. A. Huger

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James J. Dent Esq.
Judge Advocate
To
Col. J. K. Ungar
Adjt. General

Copy Letter dated 23d March 1814. —

Head Quarters Fort Williams March 23rd 1814.

Major James Baxter

Sir Your letter of the 16th. Instant came to hand last evening by express, I was much disappointed and more astonished that you did not mentiond a single word about supplies or what prospects you had of making up the defici=ency accasioned by the failure of McGee, to com=ply with the requisition of Genl Pinckney this information is ~~all important~~ what I most anxiously wished to recv. and is of the utmost importance to me, for on the prospects of supplies must depend the movements of the army, and it will be impossible, to make any certain calculations on my movements unless I am constantly kept advised of the quantity of provisions in my rear, and the probable time it will reach me, this information you must give me weekly

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by express.

~~I take up the line of march tomorrow morning for Emuckfau, and expect to return to this place in eight days,~~

I set out in the morning on an excursion to emuckfau ~~with~~, with eight days rations, and shall expect on my return, to find the supplies from your ~~comming up~~ quarter comming up

~~you must get all the beef you can & have them drove on, this will be the cheapest mode of supplying the army with meat rations,~~

If you have not a sufficient supply of meat rations on hand, you will purchase all the beeves & hogs you can & push them on immediately to prevent starvation, the want of supplies is the only dificulty I have now to encounter, ~~and the [illegible] of [illegible] that have [illegible]~~

If I can be supplied with provisions for twenty days the war will be at an end. and my reliance is on you & Major Hutchings

Those men who have discovered their error & returned penitent will meet with a fav

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posion. I reached this place sixty miles below Fort Strother, yesterday morning. & sent out a detachment to some villages twelve or fifteen miles distant. they have not yet returned

I cannot conclude without again reminding you of the necessity of Supplies, & the pressing importance of keeping me constantly advised on that Subject -

I am Sir
respectfully your
mo. obd. Servt.
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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Genl Jackson
to 3 letters.
Vol Baxter

23d March 1814.

to be recorded

[illegible] with [illegible] occasion a [illegible] of supplies I shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] ground, where I hope [illegible] [illegible] the war —

March 23, 1814

I have the honor to be very
respectfully yr. obt. st.

Andrew Jackson
Maj. Genl.

His Excellency Willie Blount

Ft Williams at the mouth of Cedar creek below Ft. Strother 57 miles

23d March 1814

Your letter of the 15th Inst. covering several copies of letters from the secretary of War has been received. You will permit me to return you my thanks for the kind expressions you have had the goodness to make use of relating to our late excursion on the Tallapoosa

I cannot conceive myself authorised to order a discharge of the Volunteers & Militia who entered into the service & abandoned it. All discharges given to souldiers by Generals commanding seperate detachments must specify the causes of discharge & in this instance I have none to specify. The sec. of war it is clear does not suppose that I am to discharge those troops or he would have addressed me a note on the subject. He is indeede willing ~~that~~ for them to be discharged for the particular reasons which he assigns ~~but~~ this he certainly expects to be done by you as he has never instructed me on the subject & as he did not even request you to forward me a copy of his letter for my regulation, Indeed in answering my letter advising him of my understanding of the term of the engagement & of the proceedings I had taken thereupon he had the goodness to approve both my opinion & my conduct

Neither can I think with you ~~the~~ that the campaign began with a three months term of ~~duty~~. Indeed I am quite as far from that belief as I was when I mantained

with so much ~~anxiety~~ earnestness that the militia accepted into the service of the United States under the act of Congress were engaged for six months. It's true the first detachment of militia have been for particular reasons permitted to be discharged from the service at the expiration of three months, but the very reason expressed by the president for granting this permission as well as the manner of granting it satisfy my mind that he does not consider them entitled to claim a discharge at that period as a matter of right. Viz with the principle reason which influenced him seems to be that the fervent patriotism of Tennessee will undoubtedly bring forth a succession of corps competent to the objects of Government. And it is a matter of great indifference with the government by what sorts of troops these objects are attained. I make these remarks to show that the president in authorising the late detachment of militia to be discharged at the expiration of three months could not have meant to establish a precedent for the regulation of any future corps of militia that may be raised in Tennessee under the act of Congress. Such a belief, is not warranted I think by any passage of the Secretary's letter, & is certainly opposed by the law itself.

For altho the President in granting them a privilege, which for particular reasons he felt inclined to grant, thought proper to consider them as having been called out under the law of 1795, yet in *fact* & in *truth*, as he perfectly knew, they were *not* either called or accepted into the service under the act. It was the only resort however to save them from the character & the punishment of mutineers

79/ & desertion; & this very consideration might very properly have had some influence on his decision. That decision however I am clear was intended to be confined to the particular case in which it was given, & not to operate prospectively, & upon all future cases.

I must take the liberty of repeating a request which I have several times made, that you will inform me out of what troops Genl. Flournoys requisition is to be filled. The term of service of the three months men under my command would nearly or quite expire by the time they could reach him; & even if their whole term remained to be performed, such description of troops after the length of time that would necessarily be consumed, in going thither, could be expected to render him but very little service, a service in my opinion, by no means commensurate with the expence which would attend it. As to the six months men, there are not so many now in the field as have been required by Genl. Pinckney to be kept under my command in the expedition against the creeks, untill the expiration of their term of service: unless they should be sooner discharged, by the authority derived from the president.

Agreeably to your wishes, I have requested Genl. Pinckney to inform me the number & kind of troops he may require in future & for what term of service. As to the fifteen hundred whom he required you to order out as Tennessee quota of the hundred thousand militia authorized to be called into service by the act of congress of the 10th April 1812, he has expressly advised you in his requisition of the 10th January 1814 that their term of service is six months: & has required that they should be placed under my command, thus engaged, without delay.

I reached this place in safety with the militia on the morning of the 21st. The boats which had been placed in the care of the 39th Regt., after meeting with considerable obstructions on the passage & being lightened two miles above here, where they had fastened on the shoals, were enabled to harbour safely in the mouth of the creek on yesterday. Tomorrow I shall take up the line of march with about two thousand troops, & with eight days rations for Emuckfa, where I expect to meet & conquer, a pretty powerfull confederacy of the enemy. Having done that, I shall, without delay return to this point; & if the lowness of the water, or the negligence of the contractors

Head quarters Fort Williams
March 23d 1814.

Capt John Hampton

Sir your letter under date of the 19th instant came to hand last evening by express, ~~It will be~~ ~~I cannot consent to furnish at Fort Armstrong the Indians applied for by the Broom with rations~~ the necessity of saving all the supplies that reaches fort Armstrong, for the support of this army, and the great expense & difficulties attending the transportation to that post makes it necessary that no useless mouths should be fed, and as ~~there is~~ the army will march in the morning against the upper towns of the hostile party on the Tallapoosa, there can be no danger between Turkey Town & High towns, it will therefore be unnecessary to furnish the ~~party~~ Brooms party with provisions,

I have to request that you will push on ~~all the~~ immediately to Fort Strother all the Supplies that

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reaches Fort Armstrong, ~~you will detach & place~~ ~~the~~ under the care and direction of some enterprising & industrious Subaltern or non commissioned officer, with instructions to push up the supplies with the least possible delay, to that point & report to Colo Steel the Commanding officer at place, who is instructed to push them on to this place.

I am informed that ~~two~~ thirty five of the troops from East Tennessee who ~~were~~ had left Genl Doherty at Camp Ross have discovered their error and ~~have~~ returned to Fort Armstrong, if this is the fact ~~you will send the~~ they will be a sufficient Guard to the first boats you send to Fort Strother

I am Sir
Your obt Servt
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

Genl Jackson
to } letter
Capt Hampton

23d March 1814

to be recorded

Ft Williams. 23d March 1814

Major Genl. Pinckney

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 11th & 13th Inst:- they reached me last evening.

Accept, I pray you, my best thanks for the kind ~~the best~~ wishes you have had the goodness to express for my welfare & success.

I shall without delay, take measures for having Genl. Cocke proceeded with, in the manner ~~in~~ ~~which~~ you have been pleased to direct. I had previously however required Govr. Blount to cause him to be arrested upon the charges of "disobedience of orders, mutiny, exciting mutiny, & unmilitary, unofficer-like, & ungentlemanly conduct.

I have been requested by Governor Blount, in a letter which I received from him yesterday, to learn from you "the number & kind of troops you may require in future, & for what term of service"; & to forward him the information when it shall be obtained.

After taking out a part of their lading I was enabled to get the boats to the mouth of Cedar Creek on yesterday, where they are now safely harboured.

A detachment which I sent out, on the evening of the 21st ~~yesterday~~ to

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to scour the surrounding Country, returned this evening - having burnt a couple of towns situated 12 or 15 miles below this, which had been some time before abandoned. They had not the good fortune to discover any of the enemy, tho, they frequently fell in upon the fresh trails of small straggling parties, who had, probably, been sent out to gather the remains of their stock.

I have found it a very serious tax on my provision-stores to feed the friendly Indians who, in considerable numbers have flocked to my army to partake in the war; & the very moment I can rid myself of them with a good grace, & without leaving improper impressions on their minds, I shall certainly do so. At Emuckfau I must find or make a pretext for discharging the greater part of them, & perhaps the whole, except my guides.

I am happy to learn by letters this moment received from the asst: Dept: Quar: master (Maj: Baxter) & from one of the Contractors at Ft Strother that there is a likelihood of plentiful supplies of breadstuff being soon forwarded me. From the assurances they give, I have now no fears in regard to this article except what arise from the difficult navigation of the river.

The letter which I yesterday received from Gov: Blount was accompanied by a pacquet for you, which I herewith send.

I herewith also send you the proceedings of the Court martial on the trial of Brig: Genl. Isaac Roberts, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Sec: of War. I have been busily engaged all day in making the necessary arrangements for an early march in the morning.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Yr Obt St
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

P. S. Ft Williams is situated on the point of land between the mouth of Cedar Creek, & the Coosa river. This creek is laid down

on the map which I sent you, tho, it is not there named: it emp-
-ties about 14 miles below the mouth of Natchez Creek, which you
will find on the map.

A. J.

To Genl. Pinckney
23d. March 1814

Letter to Genl.
Pinckney to be
recorded.
23d. March 1814

Head quarters Fort Williams March 23rd 1814

Capt Sharp of Colo Copelands regiment Genl Johnsons brigade will take command of the Sick & Convale=cent with the Waggons and conduct them safe to Fort Strother, three days has been allowed for this return the roads being good & the Weather, you will perform it with ease, you will be vigilent & attentive to guard against any surprise by any stragling hostile Indians, the large detachment now out upon your right will prevent any party of any force from approaching the road, But still you are to be vigilent attentive and always prepared for an attack. The Captain from Genl Dohertys brigade who goes to command the Sick and Convalescent thereof will aid you in the com=mand, and be Subservient to your orders when you reach fort Strother you will report yourself with the detachment to Colo Steel Comandant there who is instructed as to the Sick & the well, The Captain from Genl Dohertys brigade will return to fort Williams with all the east Tennessee troops he finds there fit for duty and act as a guard to the Boats or Waggons returning to this place as ordered and

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directed by Col. Stut

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

Order 23d March 1814
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Head quarters Fort ~~Strother~~ Williams
March 23rd 1814.

Colo Robert Steel.

Sir. This morning I started all the Sick & Convalescent with the waggons to Fort Strother, with directions to the officer to report them to you on their arrival, In the instructions to the officers they are directed to take charge of the guard coming on with the provisions, The Captain sent from the East Tennessee brigade is also instructed to take command of such men as he may find there, from East Tennessee, & bring them on as a guard to the ~~provisions~~ first parcel of provisions that starts from there after his arrival -- I cannot urge too strongly the necessity of your particular attention to sending on with the least possible delay & the most expeditious route all supplies that

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~~Fort Strother~~ reaches Fort Strother, for this army

I have sent ~~with the Waggons~~ of the 39th U. States Regiment, Sargeant Vaughan up with the Waggons for the purpose of taking Charge of the boats. he is represented to be an excellent Waterman, & having performed the trip to this place by Water, is better Calcula-ted to conduct the boats down than any other person not acquainted with the river you will place under his directions the boats & such number of men as may be thought necessary to conduct them down agreeably to the orders & instructions I have given him & which he will shew you, - you will have the boats immediately loaded & started provided Sergeant Vaughan should be of opi-nion the Water is ~~in~~ sufficiently high to float them down.

Genl Jackson
to Z. Little
Lieut.

23d March 1814

to be Recorded

Head Quarters Fort Williams March 23rd. 1874

Colo. Steel Sir This will be handed you by Mr. Wooten who goes to you to Superintend the boat building department, I wish you always prepared to send on by water or land all the Supplies for the Army – They must be up – I have got the boats over the Shoals safe by lightening them Supplies of bread Stuff & meat we must have against I return from Emuckfaw to which place I march tomorrow with eight days rations

I am Sir
respectfully yours &c
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl –

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Order to Col
Hutt, March 23d
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Genl order Headquarters Fort Williams March 23d 1814

The adjutant Genl will cause to be detached from Genl Dohertys Brigade Six hundred, effective men, fit for active service, and of necessary forced marches, who will be furnished with Eight days rations, commencing on the 24th Instant. and ending the 31st ~~instant~~ a like number from Genl Johnstons Brigade, of like troops, with the ~~rations~~ same rations Col. Williams Regt. of regulars, all of his effectives – Genl Coffee with all his effectives, the effectives of the artillery company and Lt Davis, all equally rationed, with 2 waggons of ammunition ~~and [illegible]~~ ready to take up the line of March on the morning of the 24th Instant. at 5 oclock Brigadier Genl Johnston will take the command of the residue of the Troops, and Defend Fort Williams, the Topographical Engineer Major Howell Tatum, will have the command of the Fort, and the direction of the finishing & completion of the same – and Genl Johnston will from time to time furnish such number of fatigue men as may be required by Major Tatum – a fortified camp will be erected around the fort, for the protection of ~~the~~ [illegible] men left for its ~~protection~~ under the direction –

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of Major Totom — Genl Doherty, will take the command of the Militia — Genl Coffee, of his Brigade — and Colo Williams of the 39th U S Infantry of his ~~Brige~~ Regt, — the other officers to be detailed by their respective commanders —

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Provision return for thirty eight men commanded

Order of march
23d 1814
to be Recorded

Head Quarters Fort Williams March 23rd 1814

Sergeant Vaughn of the 39th U States Infan-try will forthwith proceed to Fort Strother & take Charge and Command of all boats with the Sup-plies for the army that may be at Fort Strother & which will be ~~furnished you~~ delivered to you by Colo. Steel who will furnish you with such a guard as you may deem necessary for the navigation & protection of the same - your know-ledge of the river, your vigilence & attention has induced the Commanding General to order you on this duty & to give you the Command of the boats & navigation of the same - supplies we must have up, you must bring them, should any accident happen on your voige, or any detention you must immediately by express notify the Com-manding Genl. of this post thereof. a light Canoe ought & must be procured for this pur-pose

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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Order to
Sargeant Vaughn
23d March 1814
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Head quarters Fort Williams
~~Attack~~ March 23d. 1814

Genl Doherty will have detached from his ~~Regt.~~ Brigade one hundred men, in addition to the six hundred already ordered — to join a like number of Troops to be detached from Genl Johnstons Brigade ~~command~~, to be ready to morrow morning — to pass over the river Coosee, and to scour the country on the north west side, for the distance of ~~ten~~ seven miles and return to Fort ~~Strother~~ Williams the same evening — and report to Genl Johnston as this service requires a good woodsman and an officer of experience in Indian warfare — ~~the~~ the propriety ~~of~~ take the liberty to suggest to Col. Doherty of ordering Col. Allison for this duty — there will be detached from Genl Johnstons Brigade — a second major, for this ~~duty~~ command on the report of Col. Allison, Genl Johnstons will take such measures as the report may warrant — if the Col. should discover ~~sign~~ any large party of Indians in striking distance, he will take such measures, to have them destroyed, as his Judgt. and prudence will suggest — ~~daily~~ ~~Spies~~ Genl Johnston will keep out daily Spies on both sides of the river — By Command

Robt. Searcy aid de Camp
to the commanding Genl

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Genl. Orders
March 23d 1814
to be Recorded

Head quarters Fort Williams

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To which charge he pleaded not guilty

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The General Court martial Whereof Major Lemuel P. Montgomery is President is hereby dissolved

By Command
Robt Searcy
Aid de camp to the Commanding General

Genl order
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Head Quarters Fort Williams March 23rd 1814

Majr Genl Jackson

Sir

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that in obedience to the Order received on the Evening of the 21st Inst, I left this place with the detachment ordered under my command, and proceeded five or six miles in the direction of Oyckoffkee, when a little beyond the Village, burnt by a detach-ment of your troops on Monday last, a small trail was discovered leading toward a town about thirteen or fourteen miles from this place, situated a little above the mouth of a small Creek emptying into the Coosa, as the trail lead toward the town, it was pursued by the Spies and Colo Gibson of the mounted men who were some distance in advance of the Infantry — and not knowing my-self at that time the Course to Oyckoffkee I followed them we had not followed the trail more than two or three miles, when some of the flankers found a small quantity of Corn say eight or ten bushels, and a small quantity of Beef Jerked. about a mile from the town it was reported to me by Colo Gibson that considerable sign was discovered. I there formed the men in line of Battle, placing the

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Infantry in front, the Indians on the left, and the mounted men in equal proportions on the right and left with a view to surround the ~~place~~ in this position we moved to the town, but to our great disappointment, ~~the town~~ it had been abandoned & burnt sometime past — having been lead considerably to the rig[ht] of Ayekoffkee by the trail and finding the town to which we had been carried in the situation above described — I determined to go across to Ayekoffkee, which I was told was not more tha[n] six miles, accordingly I took up the line of march at a little after 2 O'Clock, supposing that I should be able to reach that place in time to destroy it, and proceed some distance, in time for an encampment — but I was totally deceived in the distance to Ayekoffkee; it cannot be less than eleven or twelve miles, the road lying through a very poor, mountanous country, affording no place for a safe encampment — I was therefore compelled to march till after sunset, before I reached the town, and there to form the safest encampment upon bad swampy ground the time would allow; this town was also deserted apparently sometime since — having reached the town so late I had intended not to apply fire to any of them untill the morning, but some of the Indians (Cherokee) ha[d] commenced, & fired several houses before it could be stopped

× such as had escaped the flames last night were consumed this morning — this town contained upward of one hundred hous[es]

as the distance was so much greater than had been expected, when
I marched, and the men very much fatigued indeed, having marched
very rapidly in order to surprise the enemy & prevent their escape,
and many of them not having drawn any rations before they set
out (a circumstance of which I had not been apprised untill
we had marched several miles) had not a mouthful to eat –
I determined to return to this place, not having time to proceed to
Punchentallahapee – Upon my return march, a number of
the Cherokees (who all seemed very anxious to meet the enemy)
together with a few whitemen of the detachment, flanked
off to the right, & did not join me again untill I reached
this place, Doct^r. Napier one of that detachment informs
me that they burnt a small town containing sixty or
seventy houses – and found a number of scalps which the
Doctor brought with him to this place, they also discovered
fresh sign of a few Indians – I am satisfied from
every appearance that there is no considerable body of
Indians in this neighborhood – there is very little sign of
stock & that seems to be generally old – One small hog was
killed in about two miles of this place by one of my de=
tachment, & brought in – it is stated there were seven head
in the flock the balance were pursued, but I have not
heard whether any other was taken – If there are any Red-

Creeks in this neighbourhood, they are small straggling parties, hunting up the remains of their stock — It affords me pleasure to state, that from the anxiety manifested by both the Officers & men, under my command to meet the enemy, that the most honorable result might fairly have been expected

I have the Honor to be very respectfully

Yr Excellency's
Most Obt Servt

Thos Johnson
Bg Wr T. M

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson
Present

Genl Thos Johnston to
Genl Jackson, dated
March 23rd 1814

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Genl. Thos Johnston to
Genl. Jackson dated
March 23. 1814

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh } Fort Hawkins 23d March 1814
Districts — — —

Sir,

Your letter dated the 6th of March is the last I have had the honor to receive from you — our progress in forwarding supplies to Fort Hull the advanced post of the Centre detachment of the Army has been such, that although I have not yet received accurate returns of the quantity actually deposited there, yet from the state of the roads, the means of transportation and the quantity actually forwarded from this post, I have no doubt that we shall have at your disposal forty or fifty thousand rations of flour on your arrival at Tuckabatchee, which is within 15 miles of Fort Hull: provided you shall not reach that point before the 28th current: of meat I cannot yet rely upon more than about ten thousand rations for your use, and even that will depend on the arrival of a drove of Hogs which have not yet crossed the River Okmulgee on which this Post is situated. — This supply however

1567 will enable you to penetrate to Tuckabatchee with

2. a smaller quantity of provisions than you would other=wise think it prudent to venture with, and as I presume you are by this time on the march down the Fork, and it is of importance you should know what aid you may count upon I send this Dispatch without waiting for the, more accurate returns I expect in a day or two, and which shall also be forwarded as soon as received. This addition to your own means will I hope enable us to main=tain the Troops in the Forks until the provision Vessels under Col: Russell shall have been brought up the River, with which and with those that may be coming in from Tennessee & Georgia I hope the Army may be supplied until the Enemy shall be subdued.

The Hickory Indians and those under McIntosh will be very serviceable on your approach to the Fork as Spies and Guides, and as Messengers to keep Col: Milton informed of your progress: as soon as you shall have formed a junction with that officer you will of course concert measures to facilitate the

the approach of Lt. Col. Russell: for this purpose an immediate attack upon the Towns on the Alabama below the confluence will be useful, those above within the Fork having been previously routed. —

The North Carolina Troops have not yet arrived, though I understand their advance is at hand. If they had come in time you would probably have found Col. Milton on the Talipoosa & the Hoithlewaula settlement destroyed, but I have thought it best not to attempt an enterprize of some hazard with a small force, which, a few days patience will enable us to execute with comparative security.

My last dispatches from the Secretary of War contain the following paragraph — "as soon as it shall be found "practicable, such of the Regular Troops as originally "belonged to that District [the 7th] and serving against "the Creeks will be directed to report to and receive "the order of General Flournoy or Officer commanding "on the Mississippi". — this order confirms my original intention heretofore communicated: as soon therefore as

4. as you shall have formed the junction with Col: Mil
measures should be taken to forward Col: Williams
Regiment to Fort Stoddart, whence he will report
himself to General Flournoy. He will also commun
=cate his arrival to Lt Col: Boyd commanding at
Mobile —

My command having been extended to the
Seventh District for the special purpose of directing
the Expedition against the Hostile Creeks, it has
been with reluctance that I have diverted any of
the Troops originally destined for the other parts of
the District: the peculiar situation in which you
were abandoned by the greater part of your Troops,
alone occasioned me to order Col: Williams to re
=inforce you; no time should therefore be lost in
detaching them as soon as it can be done with
safety: this will also be the proper position from whence
to forward the 500 Militia which you were ordered
by Governor Blount to detach to Genl Flournoy.

The Regulars under Col: Milton, and those as
=cending the River with Lt Col: Russell will form a

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a sufficient force of that description for all the remaining purposes of the Campaign. — The Boats which Lt. Col: Russell will bring up the River, having discharged their Cargoes into the Store Houses which you should construct for the purpose; would be perhaps the best means of conveyance for the Troops down the River, and until they arrive the boat builders of the Army should be employed in constructing Boats, as it is possible more may be requisite than Lt. Col: Russell will bring up. —

I purpose visiting the Army as soon as you shall have formed the junction: You will please therefore to give me immediate information of that event by the line of Expresses stationed in the chain of Posts reaching from the Talipoosa to this place. —

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant. —
Thomas Pinckney

Genl. Jackson. —

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Genl. Pinckney's Letter to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 23d 1814

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh } Fort Hawkins 23d March 1814.
Districts — —

Sir

Your letter of the 14th & 15th of this month has just reached me: I am rejoiced to find that after all your difficulties you have got your troops on the march for your station at Cedar Creek; keeping them constantly employed, and as much as possible in motion will be beneficial both to their health and discipline.

The security of the Prisoners at Highwassee was the only inducement for me to desire a guard to be detailed from those of the Militia with you who could be best spared. — if the object can be better accomplished by their removal to the settlements I have no objection to the measure. —

The Meat purchased by your Quarter Master in consequence of Mr McGhee's failure to furnish that part of the Ration should be charged to his contract, and regular accounts transmitted to the War

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Department that a proper settlement with him may take place, otherwise he will enjoy all the advan-tages of the profitable part of his contract while he refuses to comply with that part of it which may be less lucrative and perhaps more trouble-some.—

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant.—

Thomas Pinckney

General Jackson —

Genl. Pinckney's Letter to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 23d. 1814

fort Deposit march 24th — 1814

Mjr General Andrew Jackson
sir agreeable to your order to me di-
rected in respect of mr Mapingils
flour he would not take the nine
Dollars pr barrell the contractors
would not give a draught for any more
sir agreeable to your order I called on
two men to price said flour they did
price it at ten Dollars pr barrell
which was the men I called on was John
Nicalls and capt James Reed they gave
a certificate to that amount
which is in the hands of Mr mapin
gill together with my Receipt
for receiving of the flour num
ber of barrells one hundred and fif
ty Mr 688 Wiliamson previous to my
Receiveing your order went to
the contractor and did sell his
flour to them at nine dollars
and two shillings pr barrell
and received his money for the same
that was apart of the flour that
was stated to you was hear detaind
the ballance was Mr mapingills
these from your most obedient

John Bradley
Commandent

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Majr. Genl. A. Jackson

Fort Williams or

Emuckfau

Major John Bradley
to Genl. Jackson, dated
March 24th 1814

Hightower Villiage. Cherokee Nation, March. 24 - 1814

Sirs. Friends And Brethern, I. Am Sorrow to inform you, of The Conduct of those Creeks That has once flew to us for protection And we have Shaken hands with them And taken them with us As Friends, And. now. My Brothers and. Friends I. will inform you of the conduct, of those Creeks that has come to us and Claimed Friendship— Since our Warers has Started to the Army with Genl. Jackson.
They have come in and Striped And plundered our poor Helpless Women And Children.
They have also shot at. some of The Cherokees (Viz) Hicks And his son But fortunately, hurt Neither of Them.
Richard Roe of the Cherokees ~~Chief~~, Raised A small Company And pursued Them. And overtaken Them Making to the Hostile party of the Creeks. And They give him To understand. And Belive That They ware ordered to do This conduct by the Command. of one Henry. A Creek, among in your Army. Under the Command of Capt. Mc. Intosh Which is from This Village,
Chulea Wishes That When the Cherokees. When Dischanged From The Army to All Return Home Together. And To be Very Cautious Of The Creeks (Viz:) Those pretends to Be Friendly it is My Opinion thers none Friendly that pretend to be Friendly.
Chulea, Wishes That. you May Examine This Henry. Very Strictly. And Send your Opinions. On him.
And I. Shant Accept. of Any More of the Creeks that pretends To be Friendly. Because I. think none of Them Are Friendly.
I Am Respectfully yours. &c. Chulea Cherokee. Chief.

To. Major Genl. Jackson
Capt. Mc. Intosh—
Chulea the Creek Linkester
Pathkillers

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Chulio the Cherokee chief
to Genl. Jackson, dated
March 27th 1814

Majr. Genl. Jackson
Hickory Ground

Major Genl. Jackson

Hickory Ground

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to the Chinabee chief
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 27th 1814

Fort Deposit March 24th 1814

Sir

I was directed by Col. Hase previous to his leaving Huntsville To reporte myself to you as his agent at that place — Agreeable to his order I came immediately on here to Ascertain the state of the publick property — And to consult with the commanding officer on the necessity of requiring Col. Perki—ns to furnish an additional number of men for the security of the place — The principal necessaty there appears for men, is to Guard the waggons to Strother — Since I commenced writeing A man arrive in greate haste from the last waggons started from this place —

He appears mutch fritid but gives the following statement that this morning between four & five there was an atack made on the waggon Guarde, they fierce wounded one of the Guard in the hip charged within thirty or forty yards of the waggon yelling as usual, but again retired he immediately made a push for this place rideing it in about two hourers & a half, 15 or 20 miles I immediately sent

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four men to ascertain the truth of the report

Major Bradley will accompany the express un-
-till he meets the four men and will then
inform you of the truth of the report ——

You will see the necessity* of my making
an immediate call on Col. Perkins for men
should the above statement be correct —

If not — there will be some wanting to
guard the waggons there being but eighteen
men fit for duty at Fort Deposit ——

I am sir your Humble
Servant Thomas D. Crabb
Q. M. Gl. Agent at
Huntsville

NB The Col. directed me to require Col. Perkins
to furnish men, should I be of opinion
they were wanting your H Set.

Thomas D. Crabb

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Thos. D. Crabb to
Genl. Jackson. dated
March 24th. 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
Fort Williams on
Cumuckfaw

Express

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Williams or

Emuckfau

Express

ho: S. D. Crabb to
enl. Jackson. dated
March 24th. 1814

Fort Deposit March 24th 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson Sir
I Take the liberty to Inform you that
my flower has bin taken at this place
and Was Recd by Major Bradley
Agreeable to your order to him directed I
presented the Sertificate and Receipt for
Receiving to the Contractors they Refused
to pay me as such I have Returned to this
place in order that you mite Give me a draft
on the Secretary at Ware you Will pleas Give me
the draft agreeable to the Statement of your
Letter that you Rote to Major Bradley as I am
Wateing hear at this time inorder to Receive
it from you I have bin detained hear In
the first place befoar my flour was Recd
for twelve days and then had to Go to
the Contractors and have now Returned hea-
-r and must detain untill I hear from
You I hope you Will Concider my Situation
and do me the favor to forward me a draft
the number of Barrells. Recd of me is one
hundred and fifty Sir by your attention
In this Case Will be taken as a perticular fav-
-or by me your friend and Hbl St

Henry Massingill Senr

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Henry Massingale &c
to Genl. Jackson dated
March 24th. 1814

Major Generall Andrew Jackson
Fort Williams
on [illegible]

Major Generall Andrew Jackson
Fort Williams
or. C. Muckfaw

March 24 1814

The capt of the gard Estatement Concerning the atact one hour & a half before day thare was a bout five or six guns fierd on the gard one sentinel was shot thro the belley with two balls one come thro his hip the other is stile in his body the gard is Very Week thare was but 9 men fit for Service But wee sepose that the Indians did Not know how meny thare was as soon as they all fierd tha they raised the yell and Run as soon as the firing was over thare was aman went on to fort deposit to git a stronger gard and thare is about twenty was orderd on what men was with us stood like men and lasd them and told them to come back an try It agein

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Bland Murry to
Genl. Jackson. dated
March 24th 1814

Major general
Andrew Jackson
Fort williams

Head quarters Fort Williams March 25th. 1814

Sir, I received this morning a report in writing of the excursion of the detachment under your command, over the river yesterday in obedience to the order of the Major General: that report is not officially signed by you; enclosed I send it to you to be corrected — you will also report to me the cause of the disorder of the detachment on their return march — you will be particular in this latter part of the report, as it was a direct violation of the most positive general order and of the rules and articles of war, and such a one as must be satisfactorily explained —

Thos. Johnson B. Genl.
W. T. M

a true copy
W Claiborne
aid de Camp

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Genl. Johnstons report
25th March 1814

Genl Johnston's Lett

Fort Hull 25th March. 1814

Sir

I am very anxious to know your situation & movements & have sent this Express for the purpose and to inform you that I this Day send an order to Lt Col Russell to advance — I calculate he will do so about the last of this month — at the same time I shall march for the ~~Falls~~ Tookabatchie, where I hope to have the pleasure of shaking hands with you. Be pleased to let me hear from you.

I am Sir very respectfully
yr. Obt St.

H. V. Milton
Col Comd. Army of the Centre

Maj Genl Jackson

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From Col. H. P. Milton
25th. March 1814

Nashville March 26. 1814

Dear General,

I arrived in Nashville last night, after an absence of near seven months.

I have had a very distressing and long journey with my Brother, which has been of no avail in restoring his health — He is now and has been for three or four months just on the verge of the Grave — He is so far exhausted as to be obliged to be lifted in & out of the Carriage that I brought him in to Bardstown, which place we reached on the middle of this month

Public anxiety is very much interested in the result of your movements both here and in Kenty. and indeed all over the continent. — It is thought & believed here that you have had another battle with the Indians on or about the 20 instant, and the people will not permit themselves to think but the result will be equally glorious to yourself and the army under your Command.

I am proud to make known to you

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the high estimation which your achievements
are held in the Southern part of the
United States. — I heard the praises
of the Tennessee Army every where
I went on my long rout.

I have heard detailed the many
difficulties you have had to encounter
and the firmness which you have met
them. Nothing displays a great
character more than to rise superior to the
difficulties that surround him.

I hardly know how I ought to act
under present circumstances — If I was
now to proceed to the army, it might
be said I was going there after the
Battles were gained, and by associating
with those who achieved them, add
something to my own name — But
Yet on the other hand, I would be willing
to go, and act in any humble capacity

if I thought I could be usefull.

My own private affairs will require my attentions for some short time; having been absent so long, ~~they~~ It will take me several days to examine into them.

I Presume Gov. Blount will inform you of the Health and all other information about your family & friends.

I have heard it rumored that you had ordered the arrest of Majr. Genl. Cocke — Nothing could be more in accordance with the wishes of the people of East Tennessee as I learned Genl. Cocke's character when passing thro' his immediate neighborhood on my return from the southern country. — Never have I heard a man abused as being more infamous than him.

I hope high Heaven may give you Health, and with it you will have vigour & talents to lead your army again to victory.

Yr. friend And. Hynes.

I thought I could be useful.

My own private affairs will require my attention for some short time, having been absent [illegible] the several days [illegible] there.

[illegible] the health [illegible]

I have [illegible]

[illegible] Southern cause [illegible] more [illegible] with the [illegible] the people of East Tennessee

[illegible] the immediate neighborhood [illegible] My return

[illegible] the Southern country — Never have I seen a man [illegible] or any more [illegible] than this.

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Your friend

Major General Andrew Jackson
Commander in Chief of
the Tennessee Army

Maj. Peacock

[illegible] Jones
March [illegible] 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson
Commander in Chief of
the Tennessee Army

Maj. Peacock

[illegible] A. P. Hayne
[illegible] March 1814

Fort Strother March 26th 1814

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson Sir

You wile receive by
Mr. Conn: several letters which came to hand last evening
directed to you, there has nothing of importance taken
place since I wrote you, I yesterday morning started three
boats about 10 Clock in care of Maj. Hunt. loded as
follows 115. Barrels flour 35 Corn Meal nine barrels Pickeled Beef
& 9286 pounds. Bacon; we have loded twenty five waggons
& the most of them have crossed the River loded with flour
& Corn Meal six barrels each we have sent also twenty five head
beef Cattle supposed to average about 400 each, the
waggons from Fort Williams wile lode as quick as
possible they are now Coping the River sent only 40 Barrels
flour on hand all of which wile start early tomorrow
I am building new boats as fast as I can there wile
be no delay at this place & from every information I
can get I think their is not doubt of supply —
I am Sorry to inform you that their was one of our waggon
Guard killd. on the morning of the 24th about 1/2 an hour before

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day light by an Indian from report their was about
five or six Creeks got up close to the Camp fired &
retreated this happened about 14 Miles from Deposit
& I understand that Majr. Bradly & 14 or 15 Cherokeys one
or two white men were in pursute of them I have great
many sick here

I am Respectfully

Your Most Obdt.

Robert Steele C C F. Short

Col. Robt. Steele to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 26th. 1814

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson
~~Fort~~ Fort Williams
Express

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Maj. Genl. Andw. Jackson

Express

~~Fort~~ Williams

Col. Robt. Steele to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 26th. 1814

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Adjutant & Inspr. Genl. Of
Washington 26th March

Sir,

You are selected to Superintend the Recruit[ing service]
for the 3d. Regiment of Infantry, and for the pr[esent]
will establish your principal rendezvous at W[ash]
=ington Mississippi Territory, you will notify
officers of the 3d. Regiment of Infantry, w[ho are]
not otherwise employed under Special Order[s]
report to you for the Recruiting Service, and [in]
other Respects conform to the enclosed regula[tions]
&c.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. B. Walback
Adjt. Genl.

Major Mathew Arbuckle
3d. Regt. of Infy.
New Orleans.

The above is a true Copy from the O[riginal]
M. Arbuckle Ma[jor]
3d. Regt. Infy.

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Head quarters 27th March 1814

Genl Thos Johnson

Sir

In obedience to the Genl Orders of the 24th Inst I with the men assigned me proceeded the rout proposed to the distance of nine or ten miles, but discovered no late sign of the Indians. As to the breach of Orders; and disorder which occurred on our return to the River, I presume is chiefly to be attributed to some who were not of my detachment, who discharged their guns at small game as I was informed, on which that column detached under the command of Maj Irwin proceeded in like manner to discharge their pieces also some of the Column I led followed their example, I immediately required Order, and those in view and hearing desisted

I am Dr Genl

Yr Mo Obt Servt

Evans Allison

Colo Comdt

A true Copy

W Claiborne

Aid de Camp

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Genl Thos Johnson

Fort Williams

A Copy

Head Quarters 27th March 1814

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I am Dr Genl
Yr Most Obdt Hble Servant
Evan Allison Col. Comdt

a True Copy
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Col. Allison's Report
to Genl. Johnson
27 March 1814

Col. Allison's Report
to Genl. Johnson
27 March 1814

Col Ellison's Report
To be revised

March 27. 1814

We the undersigned, were at the Battle of Tohopeka, on the 27th March 1814, and are of opinion, that, among the killed of the enemy, there was, from two hundred and fifty to three hundred, killed and sunk, or was thrown into the river, by their friends —

Eli Hammond Capt.

Jesse Bean Lt

Wm H Gibson Lt Col.

Wm Russell Capt

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Report of Indians killed and Sunk in the river

27 March 1814

Carthage 27th March 1814

Sir,

I have been requested by Col. Metcalf (lately a Captain in the malitia on the late expedition) to enquire of you whether or not a Company of Volunteer horse would be receivd into your army now or at any future period if they would when & for what lenth time as he can have them ready at very short notice I presume Sir you are too well acquainted with the Col. abilities to need recommendation from me an answer is Solicited

I am Sir Respectfully
Your friend & Hbl Sert
Basil Shaw

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From Basil Shaw
27 March 1814

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On the 10th of March I reached Ft Strother. On the 14th John Wood a private in Capt   Company was shot under sentence of a court martial on the charges of disobedience of orders disrespect to his officers & mutiny. On that day the last of Genl Johnstons Brigade arrived – On the 15th ~~a part~~ of it was marched ~~on~~ the river. On the 16th ~~Genl Doherty's Brigade~~ the Troops advanced to the Cedar Creek three miles beyond the river. On the 17th the Genl united with them & remained there that night. On the 18th the line of march was again taken up. On the 21st we reached the point of land on which Ft Williams is situated. On the 22d the boats with the provisions which had descended the river in the charge of Col Williams Brigade, & had been lying on the shallows two miles above since the day before arrived. On the 24th we commenced the line of march to the Tallapoosa near Newyouka with abt 2000 Infantry 700 Cavalry & 600 Indians, ~~all of whom~~ upwards of 500 of whom were Cherokees. On the 26th we encamped within six miles of them. On the morning of the 27th at Tohopeka, or the fort in the bend of the Tallapoosa, just below Newyouka, at ~~10~~ half past ten, the attack was commenced by the artillery on their breast work – Genl Coffee with the mounted men & Indians having previously crossed the river 2 or 3 miles below & formed on the opposite banks ~~to prevent them~~ from escaping. At abt 12 Oclk the ~~[illegible]~~ Cherokees ~~& Capt~~ Russells company of spies crossed over ~~to the lower extremity~~ of the bend & advanced towards the breast work, firing upon those they found in the interior, & at length at those who were behind the works. At abt 1 Oclk the Genl ordered a charge, which was led on by the regulars & Capt Gordons Company of Spies, ~~the~~ two Companies of ~~Genl Doherty's~~

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Brigade. The wall was taken; & the enemy cut to pieces. 557 were left dead, among whom were a few women & children who had mixed with the men: our loss was 49 killed & 154 wounded including Indians viz 26 white men killed & [illegible] wound: 18 Cherokees killed & 26 wounded 5 friendly Creeks killed, & 11 wounded. A great many of the enemy were killed in the river attempting to escape; & the loss on the whole did not probably fall short of 800— Indeed the Indians who had an opportunity of knowing & whom we have since seen say that there are more than 900 who cannot be accounted for..

Huntsville 28th March 1814

Major Gen A Jackson,

Sir by Mr Bryan you will receive the Rect of Mr E Rivers Agent to the Quarter Master Gen at Ft Deposit, for the delivery of nineteen thousand nine hundred and forty pounds of Bacon,— Which Read Mitchell & Co and Wm M Armstrong & Co contracted with Mr John W. A. S. Smith, your agent for the purchase of Bacon or pickled Pork, on account of the default of B. McGhee contractor, — you will also receive a coppy of the contract, with Mr Smith which was comply'd with agreeable to his request, several days sooner than we were bound in the obligation

We hope you will draw on the Secty at War for the amt agreeable to the contract and forward the draft by Mr Bryan

Respectfully Yours &c. Wm M Armstrong & Co
Read Mitchell & Co

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NB Mr Bry[?] will also hand you a
Rect for Bacon delivered by the citizens of
the Big Cove Which Bacon was
Receipted in the name of Read Mitchell
& Co by the hands of Major John Grayson
you will please to draw in the name
of Read Mitchell & Co for the amt
agreeable to contract

Respectfully
Yrs &c R M & Co
Read, Mitchell & Co

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John M. Armstrong &
Read Mitchell & Co to
Genl Jackson, dated
March 28th 1814

Majr Genl Andw Jackson
Head Quarters
Creek Nation

Mr J. Bryan

At Huntsville 28th March 1814

Genl Andrew Jackson

Dear Sir.

Agreeable to a contract entered into Between John W. N. A. Smith & myself on the 9th of this Instant, I have furnised the quantity of Bacon and Beef at Fort Deposit that I agreed to do, at as Early a period as was possible after the contract was made, I boated it down Elk and throught a part of the Mussel Shoals and made every exertion to get it on in good time to suit your arraingments and have sent you the written contract and a bill stated of the quantity and price &c and the receipt of Mr. Edmond Rivers the agent of the Q. M. G. and wish you to draw on the proper authority for the amounts of said contract that I may have no dificulty in getting the money. also I have forwarded you an account that was furnished by Mr. James Obrian he wishes you to send him a Draft Should you have any want of any thing

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that would be in my power to furnish
hereafter I will cheerfully do so on the
shortest notice   I am dear sir your
most Obt. Hble
Servant

Price M. Garner

N.B. please Dispatch the bearer as quick as
possible   P. M. G.

Ensn. B. Garner to
Genl. Jackson, dated
March 28th 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
head quarters
Creek nation

Young Mr. Bryant

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
head quarters
Creek nation

(Young) Mr. Bryant

Genl Jack
March

March 28, 1814

I feel peculiarly happy in being able to announce to you the very fortunate ~~[illegible]~~ eventuation of my expedition to Emuckfau. I reached the bend of the Tallapoosa (called by the whites, the horseshoe) about ten o'clk on the forenoon of yesterday — where I found the strength of the neighbouring towns collected. ~~[illegible]~~ Expecting our approach they had gathered in from Oak-fusky, Newyorka, Hillabees, the Fish-ponds, & Eufau-la towns to the number it is said of about a thousand. It is impossible to conceive a situation more eligible for defence than the one they had chosen; & the skill which they manifested in ~~[illegible]~~ their breast-work was ~~[illegible]~~ really astonishing. It extended across the point in such a direction as that a force approaching would be exposed to a double fire, while they lay entirely safe behind it. It would have been impossible to have raked it with Cannon to any advantage even if we had had possession of one extremity.

Having determined to exterminate them ~~of management~~ I detached Genl Coffee with the mounted men & nearly ~~[illegible]~~ of the Indian force early on the morning of the yesterday to cross the river about two miles below their encampment, & to surround the bend in such a manner that none of them should escape by at-

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-tempting to cross the river. With the Infantry I proceeded
along the point of land which led to the front of their
breastwork. Having planted my cannon (one six & one three
pounder) on an eminence at the distance of a hundred
& fifty or two hundred yards from it, I opened upon it a very
brisk fire — occasionally playing upon them with the musquetry
& rifles whenever they shewed out from behind it. This was
kept up, with a few intermissions for about two hours; when
a part of the Cherokee force, with Capt Russells Company of Sp-
-ies who had accompanied Genl. Coffee, crossed over to the extrem-
of the bend in Canoes, & set fire to a few of the buildings
which were there situated. They then advanced with
great gallantry towards the breast work & began firing
upon the enemy who lay behind it. Finding that this force
was wholly insufficient to dislodge them, & that Genl. Coffee
had entirely secured the opposite banks of the river I now
determined to charge their works, & take them by storm. Never
were men more eager to be ~~[illegible]~~ charge than both the Regular
& militia. They had been waiting with impatience to receive
the order, & hailed it with acclamation. The spirit which
animated them was a sure augury of the success which
was to follow. I think the history of our warfare furnishes
no instance of a more brilliant sortie. The Regulars, led
on by their intrepid & skillful commander Col Williams
& by the gallant Major Montgomery, in the midst of a tremen-
-dous fire from behind the works were presently in possess-
-ion of them; & the militia ~~of Genl Doh's brigade~~ at the same
instant charged with a vivacity & firmness which would
have done honour to regulars; For a few minutes a very

contest was maintained, muzzle to muzzle through the port-holes; when the works were scaled. Now it was that the most desperate fighting was witnessed.

Letter
To Genl. Pinckney
28th. March 1814
Recorded

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~~Head Quarters~~ }
~~Sixth~~ & Seventh } Fort Hawkins 28th March 1814
District —

Sir/ This serves merely to inform you that by accounts ~~received~~ from the Deputy Quarter Master General of the United States with the central army, I am confirmed in the opinion that you may be furnished with the number of rations mentioned in my letter ~~of~~ the 23d of this Month, when you shall have formed the junction with Col. Milton. —

The North Carolina Troops have arrived here; you ~~may probably be~~ acquainted with the Commanding Officer Brigadier General Graham in whom I recognize an old ~~acquaintance~~ revolutionary fellow Soldier. —

My last dispatches from Lt. Col. Russell are of the 18th of this Month — his flotilla was nearly ready, and I think it probable he will be at the confluence of the Rivers in the first Week of April. Col. Milton has sent an Express with directions to

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pass through the Nation to you, to inform you of his situation. He detached 57 friendly Indians to attack the Eufaula Village 24 miles above Tookabatchee — if you should be near the Okfuskee at that time, this may serve to distract their attention: he has also sent another party South-ward to make a diversion in favor of Lieutenant Col: Russell —

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Thomas Pinckney

Genl. Jackson —

Genl. Pinckney to Genl. Jackson
28th March 1814

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Huntsville 28th March 1814

My Dear Genl

After leaving Fort Williams on the 22d we reachd Fort Strother a half. Past on Pm at which place we found on hand 9000 lb Baken and about 300 bar Bread Stuff - also four boats ready to receive their loading - on the same evening arrivd upwards of 90 head of beeves - and on the following day arrivd then 24 waggons Laden principaly with Bread Stuff - we directd the Baken to be put on board the boats, and hung up and to put in bread Stuffs so as not to load the boats deeper then twelve Inches - Majr Buckhanan promisd to go down with them —

Capn C. White was Ordered to remain at Fort Strother to await the return waggons from Fort Williams - and also the 24 waggons above mentioned, together with the beef Cattle - have the waggons properly loaded take charge of the whole, and proceed to Fort Williams with the least posible delay - ~~[illegible]~~ I am informed that he did not complyd with the Order by ~~not~~ suffering the waggons to leave Fort Strother for Fort deposit — I wish you to call on Capn White for the Order - and no the caus

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why. the Order was not execute for on that
the first ten days rations - which he was perticularly
advised of despatch on the Night of the 24th we reach^d
Fort deposit — to be lemented we found
between 20 & 30. waggons at that post - living on their
Oars - for want of corn to feed the Teams - the
Next morning we thought it ~~not~~ advisceible to
feed on meal. reather then the Teams. should
starve and not be able to make a Trip - which
we. done / but the meal. Generally spilt - the
affects of which. we dread - we. found at ~~that Post~~
Fort deposit 45854^lb Baken about the one half
we put into waggons and Order^d on the Other
hung up with derections to smoke it - we
also. Loaded 18. waggons with flower and Order^d
on - between 30 & 40 waggons is still waiting for
corn which will be. furnished in a. small
degree this day - and forwarded on laden with
flower. reported by. Major Hutchens - who. remaind
there to regulate the place - which was in a
most reach^d situation - and lust arrived here)
as. to bread stuffs there is plenty - Transportation is
the only. difficulty —

I. reached this place on
the night of the 25th - and handed your
letters to the Cortractors Agents - which struck

them with Awe & Consternation — in Order
to shew them upon what Ground they
stood — I let them peruse the Order which
was to Govern Major Hutchens and myself —

they had made considerable
ingagements for Cattle — but thought they
would not be wanting in so short a time
I gave them four days grace for the first
hundred — to make their appearance — they
will reach this place this evening — I have
heard from them on the road — from the
Number of Agents they have out — there is
but one dificulty in the way — to prevent
a plenty of meat reaching your Army in
time — that is Guards to get them on

from the late depredations committed
on the road by the Indians it is imposible ~~to~~
~~L~~ for the contractors — to hire men to drive, without
assurance of a strong Guard — it was with
dificulty that waggoners could be prevail'd on
to return, many of them threatend to leave
their Teams — I found at this place 16 of the
Militia, which I Order'd on to Depart with
six mounted men of Capn Kavanaugh's
Company — which will be a Guard for the
first drove of Cattle) — I call'd on Col
Perkins for fifty men but he would

do nothing with out your Order

I have call^d^ on Col Steel for one hundred men to be at Deposit — as soon as they can possibly march there — and for him to make a requisition on you for men to fill the deficiency — I do not no whether he will furnish the men or not) but unless we git Guard it is imposible for us to succeed — From the Number of Waggons that is already in Service we conclude If we can git and keep a supply of corn at Deposit we can Transport without Pack Horses — for they are Sertainly a Poor Appology to supply an Army — under any regulation that we could possibly make in time — we intend to purchase a few good Waggons and Teams — and hire all we can

I have wrote to Major Baxter to send down all the Good waggons and Teams he can from that Quarter as water Transportation cannot be depended on

Col Hays has returned Home he left Lieut Crabb as agent for him at this place — and authoris^d^ him

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to contract for corn to supply deposit
we found him engaged in the business
but in too small a scale —

we have contracted for upwards
of ten thousand Bush^s to be deliv^d at deposit
under a penalty of three thousand dollars
to be deliv^d in 6. 12. 20. & 40 days —
three active men have set out for east
Tennessee for the corn — it is not to be
had hear — a boat load of flower
reach^d Strother a few days past that
I that did not before mention —
we expect two droves of beeves to cross Tennessee
this week. & should Col^o Steel fail to
send on men — I dread the consequence

I have give you our transactions
in detail — of which you are to Judge —

If we succeed. we expect
your blessings — if not — we Judge what follows
every exertion will be used in our power —
the contractors — Just ob^d if they do not furnish
you with Beef they give up their lives
in your hands —

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we wish to hear from you every oppty

I have the honour to be Sir your &c

M. B. Rose

Quarter Master Genl

Agent —

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Wil. B. Rose to Genl. Jackson, dated March 28th 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

express — Fort Williams

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

express — Fort Williams

...l. B. Hall to Genl

...ackson, dated March 28. 1814

Camp Ross
March 30th 1814

Majr. General Andrew Jackson

Sir

Your express's of the 22d and 23d last night reached me at Canusaga I had the men at that post at work on two small boats (calculated each to carry about 70 barrels) until about twelve Oclock at night by Pine light, they would be loaded this day for your army, they have on board about 758 lb bacon and from this place in the waggons what will make it two thousand the waggons now on the road to fort Armstrong has on board about one hundred and ninety barrels flour & meal making in all 325 or 30 barrels of bread stuff Capt. Hampton informs me he'll have a boat ready to put it in when it gets there and I will be with you in a few days

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I have at Camp Baxter on Tennessee and at Canesaga 1200 barrels of flour and meal which I am preparing to send on by every means of transportation all that comes I buy that is good requisition or not. I am hourly looking for bacon from the Settlements I know of some small quantities now on the way I have sent on express to Majr. McMiens Washington to employ active men to go out to purchase pickled beef or pork and bacon at the best prices it could be had for that I would be accountable for all contracts of this kind and send it on to me with all possible dispatch

I have written to Majr. Addison Carrick in the same language— so soon as it reaches me I'll send it on in small parcels to try and keep hunger if in gods name it can be done—was I to leave this the the bread would not go on and I can not be every where present

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there is but One Officer here that is any assistance to me Maj. Wm H. Smith a worthy industrious young man he is willing any hour day or night to do his duty —

There is no such thing as beef or pork on foot in the nation the army that lay here last fall has cleaned it of every thing

I hope from Maj. Hutchings's exertions in the way of meat you can be kept from suffering for a short time as I named before the bread stuff shall be kept up with you and when meat rations comes will advise you immediately night and day I am going and my mind tortured least the army should suffer. I still hope from the exertions of good men some of whom I have written to that meat rations can be got to keep the army from suffering I am too well aware of the consequences attending it and and have some knowledge of mens feelings in

such Situation I receive no provisions from Mr. McGhee as contractor but will buy his property as I do other peoples— I have for my Own Convenience allow'd him to Issue to what few troops is here until I can get proper persons and Meat being scarce he and his agents has more time to provide than I have at present

One of the principal Mutineers, Beard pass'd this to day before I got here, the other Boyd is inlisted in the 39 Regt. Knoxville

I hope ere this reaches you you will have gain'd a decisive Victory over the enemy. May Success attend your Arms You may Rely on my indefatigable industry and attention to business

I have the honour to be
Sir your Obdt. Hble.
Servt.
James Baxter

Alabama Heights 30th March 1814

Sir

Considerations of the utmost importance to my family induces me to Offer this as my resignation — And request that I may be permited to wait on Major General Pinkney by whose will I Shall be governed —

I am

Sir

very respectfully

yr. mo. obt. Servt.

J. W. Harwell

Lt. 3rd Infy.

Lt. Colonel G. C. Russell
Comanding 3d Regt. U.S. Infy.

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Fort Williams 30th March 1814

Majr G. A Jackson

I arrived at this place early yesterday after an unsuccessfull attempt to bring on some provisions in the boats you left behind for that purpose I left Fort Strother on the 26th inst with three Boats in which I had 120 B. Flour 33 B Corn meal (& 92.86 lb Bacon purchased by J Smith of McGhee) We passed the first Shoals about 25 or 30 miles below Strother with much dificulty with the loss of one Boat Stove, fortunately it was the one containing ~~the~~ the bacon none of it was lost, we were then compelled to put all the loading in the two Boats, it sunk them down ~~above~~ the gunnel seams, with this loading I found it impossible to pass the Next Shoals about 3 miles lower down, I left them under the command of Majr Hunt of Colo Steeles Regiment, ~~and~~ and pushed on to this place with one of the hands in a small canoe for the Perogues to assist them over I met 4 of them going on within 12 or 15 miles of this, ~~to~~ boats; least they should not be sufficient I this morning started a few others, with them I have no doubt but

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they will be able to come on to this place
I shall return to F. Strother early in the morning & will use every exertion in my power to forward on provision as fast as they it arrive — I am doubtfull the means of transportation is not sufficient. It is impossible to navigate this river with such boats as those now on the way, I have procured from Genl Johnson an order to Colo Steel to build such boats for the purpose as I may direct, the plan which I propose adopting is to have them about 25 feet long & 6 or 7 wide, they will carry 25 or 30 Barrels each & can be brought down with 3 or 4 men ~~[illegible]~~ Should this not meet your approbation you will be good enough to let us know by the first express —

I have had ~~no~~ no report from Deposit but am told by the waggon master that there are 7 or 8 hundred bbls flour now at that place, on my arrival at Fort Strother I shall give you a correct statement of what provisions we have at Deposit and on the way to the army —

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you know what of the duties of the contract
devolve on me, & you may rest assured
that you shall not be deceived in my exertions
to feed your army I am Sir yours respectfully

Jno. P. [illegible]

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John P. Hickman to
Genl Jackson dated
March 30th 1814

Majr Genl A Jackson
Fort Williams

Majr Genl A Jackson
Fort Williams

John D. Hickman to
Genl Jackson dated
March 30th 1814

Major Genl Jackson

Sir

you will be surprised per-haps that I should apply to you so shortly after my return to the Army for a discharge from service. But I am persuaded you will consider the motives of this application sufficient to influence you in granting my request. The situation of Mrs White was such when I left home as to authorise the expectation that by the time I can return she will require my presence and attention. I had a great desire to accompany you to the junction of the Rivers and to participate ~~with you~~ in the honor which awaits my Brothers in arms; But I cannot forego the performance of a duty which with me is paramount to all others. Major Hess is desirous to fill the appointment which I have the honor to hold at your hands; you are as well acquainted with his qualifications as I am & I shall therefore only add that if he meets your approbation I trust he will discharge the duties of it with fidelity and ability. Permit me to add that at all other times and on every occasion it will afford me the highest gratification to serve you. I am sir with sentiments of the highest respect your most obt servt

Wm White

30th March 1814

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Major Wm White to
Genl Jackson, dated
March 30th 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Present

~~March~~ 30th 1814

A list of Mares put to Truxton in Spring 1814

March	9th	H. Cook 1 mare By Season	$16.00
"	20	Thos. Jones 2 By Season $12 ea	24.00
April	4	Alexander McKown 1 by season	12.00
"	5	James Black 1 by Season	12.00
"	7	General A. Jackson 2 by Season	32.00
"	13	Amus Rounceifer 1 by Season	10.00
			~~10.00~~
"	14	Jno. Webb 1 by Season }	30.00
	24	John Webb 2 by Season }	18.00
May	2	James Wilson 2 by Season	8.00
"	3	Francis Giddin 1 by ~~Season~~ leep	10.00
	4	George Gellaspie 1 by leep	16.00
"	"	H. Cook 1 by Season	8.00
"	5	Andrew Johnson 1 by leep	12.00
"		Thos. Bell 1 by Season	12.00
"	6	Henry Walker 1 by Season	9.00
"	9	James Wilson 1 by Season	12.00
"	10	Henry Reatherford 1 by Season	12.00
"	"	Richard Maury 1 by Season	10.00
"		Thos. Hardeman 1 by Season	16.00
		Thos. Jordan 2 by leep	8.00
"	15	Do. Do. 1 by leep	00.00
	16	James Wilson 1 mare given	10.00
"	17	Thos. Hardeman by Season	6.00
"	22	Hartwell Hyde 1 by leep	16.00
"	24	Genl. A. Jackson 1 by Season	16.00
"	30	Jno. Fields 1 by Season	12.00
June	1	George Hulme 1 by Season	12.00
"	"	Lewis June 1 by Season	10.00
"	5	Moses Ridley 1 by Season	12.00
"	11	Salad Sharp 1 by Season	8.00
"	27	Johnson Wood 1 by leep	8.00
"	30	H. Cook 1 by ~~Season~~ leap	16.00
"		Genl. Andrew Jackson 1 by Season	
"		Thos. H. Perkins 1 by insurance no foal	
		Card. Over	$415.00

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Amt. brot. over —— $415.0[illegible]
Still to Collect: —— 60

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Genl. Jacksons Acct. $100.25 1/9 }
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Augt. 20th Cash sent by Maj. Reid —— 136.41 2/3 } 236=6[illegible]

Truxtone
Season Spring 1814

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Sixty days after date I promise to pay James Jackson or order at the Nashville Bank, seven hundred and fifty four dollars value received — Witness my hand and seal March 30th 1814 —

Andrew Jackson [Seal]
by James Jackson
his Atty in fact

Credit the Drawer
James Jackson

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No. 4908

Andw. Jackson

$8754 ——

due May 29/30 June 1814

James Jackson

Alabama Heights 5
31 March 1814

Sir

Herewith is the resignation of Lieut. Hansell who waits on you with a hope of having it accepted.

Your letter of the 7th instant I received yesterday by the return of the last express who I sent through to inform you that I had been disappointed in getting off by the middle of this month. Difficulties made by persons whom I had not power to controul has prevented me from executing your orders of the [illegible] of February. I have done all in my power to get off, and I fear with all my exertions that Genl. Jackson and Col. Milton will suffer for provision before it can reach them from here but if they can keep the ground they gain till I do get up they will have a supply

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sufficient to end the war with.

Lt. Everett has not yet returned from Orleans owing to improper and useless detention there - He is however daily expected, and before this reaches you we shall be in motion both by land and water.

Yesterday two hundred and forty Chickasaws under General Colbert and four hundred Choctaws arrived to fight against the Creeks.

The party I sent to intercept Mc. Queen on the 17th ult. was very near overtaking Wetherford who went down the wolf path to Pensacola with two hundred and fifteen men - Instead of returning by the same route they crossed the Bay at Pensacola and went home on the East side of Conaka

Wetherford has long threatened to destroy the Boats and Mills where they are

built — I have not only kept them
well protected but have constantly kept
people out to watch the approach of
the Indians, and if they should attack
that the boats, that I might fall upon
them in the rear. Captain Bond of
the mounted Riflemen fell in with a
party on the 26th and killed four of
them.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Sir
Your most Obd. Servt.

Gilbert C. Russell
Lt. Col. 3d Inf.

Major General Pinckney.

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Lt. Col. Russell
30th March 1814
recd 13 May 1814

Resignation of Lt. Hansell

[1814]

Lewis Leflo
Edm. Folsom
G. E. Nelson
Lewis Durant

These men have been zealously and usefully engaged on all occasions that required exertion since the commencement of the Creek war. & have much influence with the Choctaws.

John Harkins - has been an active and useful

The whitemen have been generally disposed as far as they had influence to promote the interest and objects of our Goverment

Mr. Pitchlynn is well acquainted with the merits of the indians and of the whites and will be a safe counseller on the best mode to make them useful not only now but in future. I will recommend David Folsom as a young man of as much promise as any of his nation.

John McKee
Agt Choctaws

[Nov. 1814]

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Col. McKee's Mem.a as to Choctaws. to be attended to—

Recd. on the 31st March 1814 the sum of Six Dollars from John Anderson Esqr. of the Nashville Bank, as tuition money for Edward Butler (for whom Gen. A. Jackson is Guardian) for the Session ending on the 1st May 1814.

Wm. Hume

$6

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Edward Butlers acct. for board with R. B. Owen Last Session Ending the 1st April 1814 ---------- $32.50

Recd. payment of Genl. A Jackson Guardian of Edward Butler June 21st. 1814 in full of the above account ——

Richd. B. Owen

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Haynes receipt for
E. Bratton
$ 32.5

Wm Haynes receipt
for tuition money

Head Quarters Fort Williams April 1st 1814

Sir I have the pleasure of informing you that the excursion, I wrote you I was about to take ~~has been productive of the most compleat~~ against the hostile party at Oakfuskee has resulted most gloriously to our arms. We found them strongly fortified in a bend of the Tallapoosa in one of the most military positions I have ever seen. with a strong fortification of logs breast across the entrance of the bend ~~and in compleate military state~~, from 5 to 8 feet high executed in compleate military style, thus we had to storm the works after ~~bombarding~~ battering it two & a half hours with a six & three pounder, firing about 70 rounds without making any breach in the wall, the charge was made in elegant style, & with as much determined bravery as ever was ~~shewn by any troops~~ witnessed. both by Cols Williams Regmt & the militia from East & West Tennessee, we carried the works. with the loss of thirteen killed, ~~& about~~ fifty wounded. the slaughter of the enemy was immense five hundred & fifty seven were counted dead on the ground besides ~~what was~~ those killed in the river

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estimated to be from 250 to 300. in fact the defeat was complete, that not more than 20. ~~out~~ escaped of the whole number there, & which an inteligent Cherokee Squaw who had been a prisoner with them says was ~~one~~ about one thousand, ~~[illegible]~~ we lost 26 killed & one hundred & six wounded, 7 of whom have since died. besides 23 friendly Indians killed & fifty three wounded. for particulars of this affair I refer you to Mr Ross & Colo Morgan ~~who is the bearer~~.

This victory is so complete & decisive, that I calculate on a ~~very~~ feeble resistance in future, and all that I want to finish the campaign & give a lasting peace to our southern frontier in a few days ~~is a~~ sufficient supply of provisions. for this supply I must in part look to you ~~&~~. you must push on all the provisions you have by all the means of transportation in your power to fort Strother & to this place, & so soon as they arrive to the [?] on the Coosa ~~if you have~~ Such of your waggons as can perform this trip ~~the trip~~ ~~to this place~~ must be immediately loaded & sent off by way of fort Strother. where they will be furnished with a guard ~~to this place~~ to this place

I have not yet receivd. any of your promised Supplies, & am therefore Induced to believe you have a plentifull Supply on hand & on the way to the army; for the lord sake push them on

Majr James Baxter

I am Sir respectfully
your obt Servt
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Fort Williams April 1st. 1814

To Major James Baxter

Sir Yesterday I returned from an excursion against the hostile Creeks at on the.

Letter to
Major Jas Baxter
1st April 1814
to be Recorded

Head Quarters Fort Williams

April 1st 1814

General order

Lieutenant Jesse Been having been mustered into the service of the united states in Capt William Mitchell's company of mounted spies as Lieutenant to said company - for a term of six month which term expires on the fourth instant. - said Lieut. Been with a few more of the company have faithfully and honorably attended to their duty he will therefore march they together with others that have since joined him to Tennessee - and give to each an honorable discharge specifying the time they have served. - Lieut Been having regularly discharged his duty retires with the gratefull acknowledgements of his general

Andrew Jackson

Major General

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Order to Lieut
Breen
1st April 1814
To be recorded

Head quarters fort Williams
April 1st 1814

Genl order

Part of — Capt Mc Gordons ~~having command~~
~~of a~~ company of mounted spies having been ~~and being~~
duly mustered into the service of the U S
by the proper officer on the 30th day of
September last for a term of six months
which time expired on the 30th day of
March last and having faithfully and
honorably attended to their duty will forthwith
cause that part of ~~march~~ his company to be marched to Tennessee and give to
each member of said company so having served an honorable
discharge — They will be entitled to a days pay
and rations for every twenty miles on their
march home — Capt Gordon in that part of the company now receiving
a discharge from the commanding Genl carries
with them the grateful acknowledgements for
the important services they have rendered —

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Order to Captain
John Gordon
April 1st 1814

to be recorded

Head Quarters Fort Williams
April 1st 1814

My Dear, I returned to this place on yesterday three oclock P.M. from an excursion against the Tohopeka, and about one hour after had the pleasure of receiving your affectionate letter of the 22d ultimo.

I have the pleasure to state to you that on the 27th march, that I have attacked & destroyed the whole combined force of the Newyorkas, oakfuskas, Hillabays, Fish ponds, acacas, and Eufaulas Tribes - the carnage was dreadfull - They had possessed themselves of one of the most Military sites, I ever saw, which they had as strongly fortified with logs, across the neck of a bend - I endeavoured to level the works with my cannon, but in vain - the balls passed thro the works without shaking the wall - but carrying destruction to the enemy behind it - I had sent Genl Coffee across the river, with his horse and Indians who had compleatly surrounded the bend - which cut off ~~compleatly~~ their escape - and the cherokees Effected a landing on the extreme point of the bend with about one hundred and fifty of Genl Coffees Brigade, under Capt Russles spy company - The Battle raged, about two hours, when I found those engaged in the interior of the bend, were about to be overpowered, I ordered the charge and carried the works, by storm - after which the Indians took possession of the river bank, and part of their works raised with brush, and it was dark before we finished killing them - I ordered the dead bodies of the Indians to be counted, the next morning, and exclusive of those buried in their watery grave, who were killed in the

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who often being wounded
and plunged into it, there were counted, five hundred and
fifty seven— from the report of Genl Coffee and the officers
surrounding the bend, they are of oppinion, that there could
not be less than three hundred, killed in the river, who
sunk and could not be counted— I have no doubt, but
at least eight hundred and fifty were slain— about twenty
who had hid under the bank in the water, made their—
escape in the night, one of whom was taken the next morning
who gives this account, that they were all wounded from which
I believe about 19 wounded Indians alone escaped— we took
about three hundred and fifty prisoners, women & children
and three warriors— what effect this will produce upon these
infatuated and deluded people I cannot yet say— having
destroyed at To.hope.ka, three of their principal prophets
leaving but two in their nation— having tread their
holy ground as they termed it, and destroyed all their
chiefs & warriors on the Tallapoosee river above the
big bend, it is probable they may now sue for peace
should they not (if I can be supplied with provisions)
I will give them, with the permission of heaven
the final stroke at the hickory ground, in a few days
we have lost in killed of the whites 26 and one hundred
and seven wounded— amongst the former is Major
Montgomery who bravely fell on the walls, and of the latter
Col^o. Carroll slightly— our friends all safe, and Jack
you may say to Mrs Coffey rallied all my expectations
he fought bravely and killed an indian— every officer
and man did his duty— the 39th distinguished themselves
and headed the militia, who stormed the works with them
there never was more heroism or roman courage dis-
—played—

I write in haste surrounded with a pressure of business, and a little fatigued I will write you again before I leave this place for the present I can only add, that I hope shortly to put an end to the war and return to your arms, kiss my little andrew for me, tell him I have a warriors bow & quiver for him — give my compliments to all friends, and cheer up the spirits of your sister Caffery — and receive my sincere prayers for your health & happiness untill I return —

affectionately adieu — Andrew Jackson

Mrs Rachel Jackson

Mrs. Rachel Jackson

Express — { Hermitage near
Nashville
Tennessee

Head Quarters Fort Williams

April 1st. 1814

Captain William Russel having commanded of a Company of mounted Spies and being duly mustered into the Service of the united States by the proper officer on the fourth day of october last for ~~the~~ a period of six months which time expiring on the fourth of this Instant and having faithfully and honorably attended to his duty will forthwith march his company to Tennessee and give to each member of his company an honorable discharge ~~from the command-ing General~~ Capt Russel in receiving a discharge from the Commanding General carries with him, his Gratefull acknowledgments for the important services he has rendered to the army

Andrew Jackson
Major General

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order to Capt
Russel

1st April 1874

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General order, April 1st. 1814 —

Major, Charles Sevier having been duly muster-ed into the service of the united states on the twenty fourth of September last for a term of six months, & having performed his duty for the time above mention-ed, as a Major of the line faithfully, and honorably is hereby discharged with the grateful acknowledgements of his Genl.

Andrew Jackson

Major Genl.

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Major Charles Lewis's
discharge. 1st April 1814

to be Recorded

Head Quarters Fort Williams
April 1st. 1814 —

Genl. order,

Captain George Smith having command of ~~the mounted gunmen~~ a company of mounted Gunmen, & having been duly mustered into the service of the United States, on the twenty fourth day of September last, which time expired on the twenty fourth day of march last which time the capt. Smith with part of his company faithfully discharged their duty — he will therefore forthwith proceed to Tennessee with his company & give to each member of it an honorable discharge specifying the time they have served, they will be entitled to one days pay & rations for every twenty miles on their march home Captain Smith in quitting the service carries with him, the grateful acknowledgements of his General for the services he has rendered

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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Capt George Smith's
discharge 1st April 1814

to be Recorded

The Contractor will issue hereafter with beef one third Bacon, and when any Regmt or company has drawn two days beef rations the contractor will issue one days rations of bacon making in all three days rations Commencing on the second of april and ending on the 4th inclusive

Head quarters Fort Williams april 1st. 1814 } Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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1st April 1814
to be recorded

General order

Head quarters Fort Williams Apl. 1. 1814

It having been reported to me by Capt Barry
Barry that Daniel Ross a private in his company
has paid the debt of Nature - It is proper that
he should be decently interred with the honors
due a brave Soldier who dies in the service of
his country - It is therefore ordered that the Asst.
D.Q. Master Genl Majr. Kemp furnish
a fatigue party with tools to dig a grave
and all other things necessary for his
burial

Andrew Jackson
Majr. Genl

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Genl. order
to be recorded
April 1st. 1814

Head quarters Fort Williams April 1st 1814

Majr Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

In obedience to your order of the 23rd Ultimo directing me to detach two hundred men for the purpose of an excursion over the Coosa river, I issued my order of the same day of march, a copy of which is herewith inclosed to you marked A. and in conformity with your instructions the Command of the detachment was given to Colo Ewen Allison of the 1st Regmt of the E. Tennessee Militia; the day was considerably advanced before the troops crossed the river, owing to the delay occasioned by the drawing of rations for them. late in the evening, a number of guns were heard from the other side of the river, and ~~indeed~~ from the frequent & almost incessant fire kept up for sometime, considerable apprehension was felt, that the detachment had been attacked by the enemy; indeed our Camp was thrown into some confusion, by the fears entertained for the safety of the little band over the river, as our means of reinforcing them were very bad, the principal part of the canoes being then on the other side of the river, where they had been left in waiting for the return of the detachment; upon the arrival of the troops however it was ascertained that the detachment themselves had in the most open violation of positive orders commenced firing at squirrels or any other game that came in their way - when the Commander came to me, I ~~[illegible]~~ demanded the cause of the disorder; which he stated to me

was the men shooting Squirrels &c. I demanded the reason why he had not prevented it, to this he replyed that he did tell the men to quit doing so, but took no coercive measures to effect it — I then required of him to furnish me with a list of the mens names, who had acted in that way, this he did not furnish, in consequence of which I addressed to him a Note, a Copy of which is herewith forwarded to you marked B. upon which he forwarded to me the report, a Copy of which marked C. is also forwarded to you. I certainly should have arrested that Officer but for the jealousy that I was informed had already arisen among the E Tennessee troops towards the troops of the other Brigade, the former alledging that they were not as well treated as the ~~f~~ latter. — this induced me to suspend any step till your return.

Several other smaller detachments of Offrs were from time to time sent out on both sides of the river — A Copy of which reports it is deemed unnecessary to forward to you as they are unimportant, they state generally that very little fresh sign of the enemy is discoverable — The party sent down to explore the falls, & ascertain the practicability of descending the river through them with boats, not having yet made any written report I shall be unavoidably compelled to postpone a report upon that subject, untill I receive one from that Officer, which I have reason to think will be done very soon

I have the Honor to be very
Respectfully your
Excellency's most obt Servt

Thos Johnson BG
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Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson

Present

From
Jn.o Johnston
1 Apl. 1814

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson

Present

From
Col. J. Williams

1 Apl. 1814

Fort Vincennes, ye 7th April 1814

Your letter of March ye 9th has been received, and I hasten to answer it. Not knowing the situation of ye 7th Regt. I cannot at the present say whether it would be good policy on my part to transfer Merrick out of it to another Regt. nor am I certain whether any order to that effect would be valid. However as the Soldier Blunt is attached to Col. Williams, it is my wish he should remain there untill farther orders, as he may render you essential service in doing duty there. I am happy it is in my power to serve you or the Col.

I am happy to hear of your great success in that quarter, I consider you have covered yourself over with glory, although my country seem to think but light of our Indian affairs. I tryed hard last summer to get to your quarter, but could not affect it. I am kept here in command of these three Territorys, only to act on the defensive, and as I consider it entirely in the back ground; my Government never once put it in my power to carry on offensive operations, true it is that from my own influence I have prevailed on the Militia from Kentucky, and the Territorys to turn out with me on several occasions, the only one successfull was up at Peoria (Illinois River)

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I expect should I remain in service to be ordered to the lower coun-
try where I hope to do duty with you. I get but little news in quar-
ter of the country, but am informed that peace is counted on
with much certainty in the atlantic States the allied powers in
Europe can do much in that way, should they feel disposed to
act friendly towards the united States; however I cannot for
a minute indulge a thought that peace is shortly to take place
I cannot bring myself to believe that great briton will relax
in her demands, shall we relax, I hope not, untill we have
such terms, as we had a right to look for, when we embarked
in the present contest. I hope Sir you will keep Hunt in your
army untill he is demanded by proper authority, but also
trust you will not permit him to be taken of to any distant
part, so as to be lost from us 7th ultimately.

I shall always be glad to hear from you when
convenient — I have the honor to be with high respect
your obdt. Servt. — R. Russell Col. 7th

[illegible] District Commandant

Public Service

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Majr Genl Andrew Jackson

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Col. Russell Com. 7 Novr 1814 recd

Head quarters Fort Williams

April 1st. 1814.

Ensign Henderson of the 39th Regiment of U States Infantry will deliver his sword to the adjutant General, and consider himself under arrest. and conduct himself accord:ingly

By Command

Robt Searcy aid de Camp
to the Commanding General

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Head Quarters Fort Williams
April 10th 1814.

39th Regt of U States Infantry

Ensign Bowman, will deliver his sword to the adjutant General, and Consider himself under arrest and Confined himself accordingly.

By Command
[illegible] aid de Camp
to the Commander in Chief

Genl order
10th April 1814
to be Recorded

Head Quarters Fort Williams
April 1st. 1814.

A General Court Martial to consist of five members is ordered to convine at Fort Williams on the morning of the 2nd Instant at nine O'Clock to try Ensign Hindman of the 39th united States Infantry and such other prisoners as may be brought before them. Colo. John Williams is hereby appointed President, and William R Hess Judge Advocate pro tem of said Court. the rest of the members will be detailed by the adjutant of said 39th Regiment

By Command
Robt. Searcy aid de Camp
to the Commanding General

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Order for Courts Martial.

to be recorded

April 1st. 1814